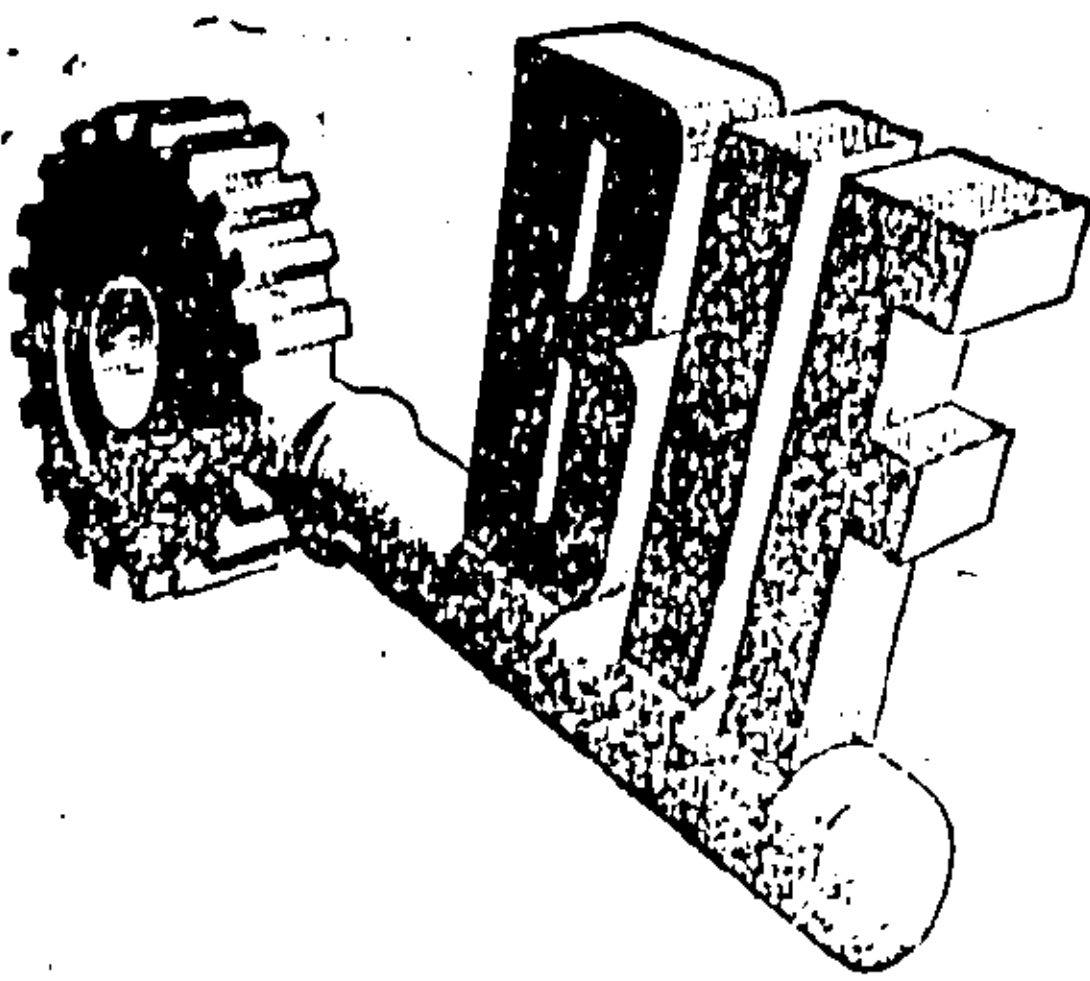




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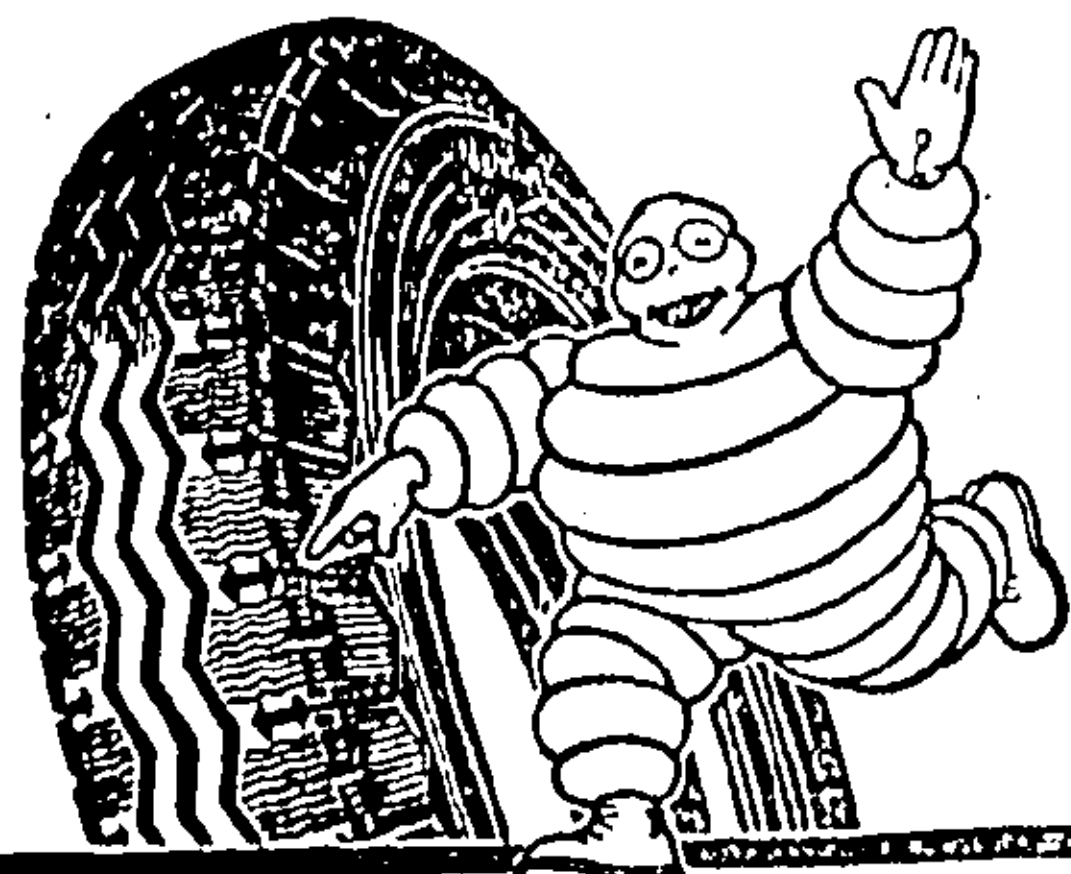
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SIX SINGAPORE SPITFIRES DUE HERE TODAY

Six Spitfires will arrive at Kai-Tak today, weather permitting, after a flight of 2,300 miles from Singapore. They took off from Tengah early on Jan. 13.

Personalia

Mr. Thomas Sherrard, Acting Director of the Hong Kong Office of the United Nations International Refugee Organization, arrived at Singapore on Wednesday afternoon by plane from Penang.

Mr. Sherrard is investigating into the conditions of the Chinese refugees there who desire repatriation to China, says Central News.

Interviewed by Central News, Mr. Sherrard said that the repatriation job in Malaya has been largely completed and that more than 1,000 people have already been sent back to China with the exception of 180 persons at Penang.

Passengers to Manila by the P.A.A. Clipper "Ocean Rover" included E.E. Carr, J. Dweck, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Grimm, Mrs. Dorothy Hiteck, Miss Jacqueline Hiteck and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wolloughby.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—L. Lamotte, V.K. Bashi, D. Simon and S.B. Talati.

Peninsula departures:—W. H. Andrews, W. A. Pearson, E. H. Hindmarsh, Mrs. Miltz Mitchell, R. T. Walsh, A. Brage, G. T. Phorngate, Miss S. M. Pitt, A. Subrouge and Mrs. M. Hoffa.

The Reverend George She, M. A. is to be the Guest Speaker at the meeting of Toc H this evening.

His subject is "What are we here for? (The meaning of life)." Toc H meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. and to-night's meeting is open ladies as well as men being welcome.

There will be the usual concert of recorded music at Talbot House on Sunday at 8.30 p.m. when the programme will be of request items.

The new United States Consul-General, John M. Cabot, arrived in Shanghai yesterday by Pan-American plane with his wife and small daughter, Elizabeth, and was met by Acting Consul-General James B. Piller, Chen Kuei-lin, director of Shanghai office of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chu Cheng-nien of the Foreign Ministry in Nanking, says Associated Press.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Frank Noble Hill, Principal Officer, H. M. Prison, Stanley, to Miss Fatima Abbas, Principal Wardress, Lai Chi Kok Prison, has been announced.

Colony's SPCA Comes To Life After Six Years

The Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which had remained dormant for the past six years, came to life again yesterday following a resolution at a meeting of supporters to have the Society re-constituted.

The meeting, which was presided over by the Hon. Mr. A. Morse, was held at the Jacobson Room of the Hong Kong Hotel. Supporting Mr. Morse on the platform were Mr. H.G. Sheldon and Mr. F.H. Loseby.

Mr. Loseby, the secretary pro tem, told the meeting the Society had done much good work during its 20 years' history. The need for such an organization in the Colony is today as great as ever.

There are a great number of problems which have to be tackled by the community as a whole.

Amongst these problems, said Mr. Loseby, is a modern slaughterhouse.

He had a suspicion that Government has a plan of tackling that problem.

If it is going to be tackled, it is the duty of the Society to see that it is tackled in accordance with modern ideas.

Then there is the movement of animals and poultry, which is still accompanied with extraordinary cruelty, he said.

Just before war broke out the Society and made arrangements with transport companies for an improvement in this direction. That aspect of the Society's work must be revived.

"Cattle are still being used by the nose. Pigs are carried in a horrible condition," said Mr. Loseby.

"We have received promises of support from England, and we have got half promises from Australia and South Africa, and from various other societies throughout the world."

The Chairman announced that letters of encouragement had been received from the Chairman of the Urban Council, the Acting Commissioner of Police, the G.O.C., Mr. B. Wylie, Dr. K.C. Yeo, Mr. G.P. de Martin (who had sent a contribution of \$50) and the Secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, London.

Mr. E.C. Frederick promised the Society the whole-hearted support of the Hong Kong Kennel Club.

He said that after the Dog Show they would be making a contribution to the funds of the Society from the proceeds. Officers were then elected. Hon. Mr. A. Morse was elected President, Mr. H.G. Sheldon, Vice-President, and Mr. F.H. Loseby, Hon. Secretary.

Office of Hon. Treasurer was left open for an election to be made from among members of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee:—Messrs. C.E. Barry (Chairman), N.J. Porritt, F.P. Franklin, F.K. de Almeida, Ronald Abbott, R. Paken, E.C. Frederick, E.M. Childs, Mrs. F. A. Loseby and Mrs. W. T. Galloway.

The Spitfires come from No. 28 Squadron and are under the command of Squadron Leader G. Broom, D.S.O., D.F.C. They are accompanied by a Mosquito (No. 61 Squadron), captained by Flying Officer K. Price, a Sunderland Flying Boat from No. 209 Squadron, captained by Squadron Leader P. C. Hatfield, D.F.C., and two Dakotas from No. 110 Squadron, led by Flying Officer E.M. Simmonds.

The route for the flight has been by way of Kuching, in Sarawak, Labuan and Clark Field on Luzon Island, followed by a sea crossing of about 600 miles to Hong Kong.

Permission was granted for the aircraft to stay overnight at the Air Base in the Philippine Islands, where refuelling facilities were arranged. The distances present no undue difficulty since the aircraft are carrying long-range tanks.

The Spitfire is designed to give training in long distance flights from island to island. A vital factor has been the provision of accurate weather forecasts, special arrangements having been made to relay bulletins all along the route.

Squadron Leader Broom has had considerable experience of flying in tropical areas. In 1941, he took part in the Battle of Malaya and afterwards operated with the Pathfinder Force of Bomber Command.

His aircraft are expected to remain in Hong Kong for about 10 days and will follow the same route on their return flight to Singapore.

Faced Police Rather Than His Wife

Rather than face his wife after losing his money in gambling, Sze To-wing of No. 133 Pel Ho Street reported to Police that two armed men robbed him of \$530.

The 32-year-old tailor told Police that he was held up at Castle Peak Road at 7.30 p.m. last Wednesday.

Police inquiries, however, found loopholes in his story.

Finally Sze admitted that he dared not tell his wife, whom he had promised to buy a sewing machine with the money, that he had lost it in gambling.

Convicted for giving Police false information, Sze was fined \$200 or two months, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Anthony Morais, 22, unemployed, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of three handkerchiefs from the Victoria Remand prison.

He was remanded for 48 hours.

New Rotary Clinic HE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE



HAINAN WAR CRIMES TRIAL

They Lived On Their Wits

Japanese cigarettes made 24 years ago and rice containing rope, rat droppings, cigarette butts and straw were given to Hainan POWs during their three years' confinement, Lt. C. McCutcheon told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

The adjutant of the Hainan Camp finished giving evidence yesterday before the Court, consisting of Lt-Col H. G. Gulna, D.S.O., ED (President), Lt-Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate), Major N. McCleod and Lt. R. Carter.

Witness identified Lt. Cdr. Kikuchi Ichiro and 1st Lieut. Shimura Sotchi as being present at the execution of 120 Chinese prisoners who, the report of first witness, Camp Cdr. Lt-Col. W. J. R. Scott, said, were brought to the camp in the evening of July, 1943 and taken away by defendants to be killed.

Leading Seaman Ohara Naaji, Lt. McCutcheon said, told him that he did not care whether the prisoners died or not.

The rice he issued to the POWs contained "rubbish" and the cigarettes given only in 1944 were made in Japan in 1920.

Old motor tyres were given to be used as foot-covering and the POWs received only three pieces of soap during their two and a half years of confinement, witness said.

They Starved

When the prisoners complained of losing weight, defendant took away the scale machine. Death from starvation was frequent at that time, Lt. McCutcheon continued.

A fortnight after the surrender was declared, a truckload of sugar, bean cakes, cigarettes and things which the POWs had not seen for years arrived at the camp, where 81 Australians and 70 Dutchmen were known to have died of ill-treatment and atrocities.

Defendant No. 5, Lt. Cdr. Ichiro, witness said, appeared very amused when he walked through the camp hospital at the swollen feet of the beriberi patients.

Cpl. A. Pledger, medical N.C.O. in charge of the camp hospital, will give expert medical evidence, today.

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THE WHISKERS CLUB



Landings near the Old Fort on Pulau Ubin Island were the scene of a drive to catch the "Whiskers Club" cats. The cats were found in the fort and were taken to the island.

"And who's hot?" asked "Whiskers" the cat. "I would employ to guard you," said the cat. "I would guard you," said the cat. "I would guard you," said the cat.

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The Rotary Club's Anti-Trachoma Clinic was opened by Dr. F. L. Tseung at Talkoo yesterday.

The Rotary's clinic together with the Talkoo Dockyard clinic which has been in use for the past three months for treatment to the families of the dockyard labourers.

The Talkoo clinic is under the charge of Dr. K. A. Goh as Medical Officer, a male dresser and two female nurses.

Here are shown, second from left: Mr. K. T. Goh, Miss Fanny Tso, Miss Eva Tong, Dr. F. L. Tseung, Dr. K. A. Goh, Mr. Wong Kai To, Mr. Kwok Chan and in the background Mr. A. J. G. Taylor.—China Mail Photo.

STAND-IN

Hollywood, Jan. 15.

Actor William Bendix, who plays on the screen comedy and villain roles, has been picked to play Babe Ruth in a movie biography of the great Yankee slugger.

He was chosen after a six-month search by Director Roy Del Ruth for some one with some physical resemblance to the famed home-run hitter, who could at least make a hit in baseball.

Bendix has been an ardent fan his whole life.

Such stars as Orson Welles, Jack Carson, Paul Douglas and Dennis Morgan were also considered.

Mr. Del Ruth said Bendix had the endorsement of Babe Ruth who has agreed to act as technical adviser on the film if his health permits.—United Press.

THEY COME AGAIN

The Japanese press today reported growing activity by pirates in Tokyo Bay who attack schooners laden with foodstuffs, clothes and other commodities.

The pirates are said to be well informed of cargo schooners and police movements.

According to the Japanese authorities Tokyo Bay was the scene of pirate activities during the wartime years of 1943 and 1944.—United Press.

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ODD SPOTS IN THE NEWS

TIME PAYMENT

Singapore, Jan. 15.

For the first time since the war, automobiles are being sold on the instalment plan here—50 per cent down and the balance within a year.

It has also been announced that allowances on old cars are to be given on "trade-in."

These measures are being taken in an effort to offset what dealers describe as a rapidly dying "seller's market."—Associated Press.

BUT SHE IS

Manila, Jan. 15.

Typhoon "Karen," the storm that should not be, was reported 550 miles east, southeast of Manila at noon today by the 13th Air Force weather section at Clark Field, moving west-northwest towards Luzon at four knots.

There is the possibility that the islands may see their first January typhoon since 1907, by the coming week-end.—Associated Press.

SALARY BOOST

Shanghai, Jan. 15.

Mayor K. C. Wu, chief executive of China's richest city will get a salary boost this month to 9,095,000 Chinese dollars—that is, 52 United States dollars, figured at the current black market exchange rate of 175,000 Chinese to one United States.—Associated Press.

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The 30-year-old seaman, who said he had done good work during the war for the Allies, was charged with obtaining 40 cents by false pretences. He was convicted on evidence of the prosecution and fined \$50.

Inspector McDougall of the Star Ferry said that as he was collecting freight fares at the Kowloon Third Class entrance, he heard someone asking for money in Chinese behind him. He identified Cheung as the "culprit" and found 40 cents in his left hand when defendant was arraigned.

Julian Kell, student son of Inspector Kell of the Star Ferry, who was helping his father to collect fares at that time, said that he heard Cheung asking for money. He said he saw a female giving Cheung the money.

Defendant said he saw many people struggling under the heat to get through. He took the money from a lady to give it to the Inspector so as to enable her to get through without her having to push in amidst the human mass. As he was doing it, defendant said, he must have been seen and misunderstood.

Cheung insisted that he had only 20 cents in his hand when Inspector McDougall caught him, instead of 40 cents as alleged.

"You speak true. Don't speak lie," he shouted to the Inspector as the latter was giving evidence in the box.

DSI Scragg pointed out that in view of the circumstances that Cheung took only 40 cents, instead of having much more when there was a large crowd, a fine would suffice.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

Mr. M. T. Case \$ 32.00

Mr. Wong Sik Kuen 1,600.00

Total \$1,632.00

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Former Chinese Military Delegates In Court

An application by Loke Yung-cheong for the eviction of four former members of the Chinese Military Delegation in Hong Kong was refused by a Tenancy Tribunal, comprising Mr. R. S. Smith (Chairman) and Mrs. Horace Lo and Mr. Fung Ping-fan (Members), last night.

The applicant was represented by Mr. Peter Sin of Messrs. P. H. Sin & Company.

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SEAMAN STOLE RAINCOAT FROM MATES

Robert John Stephens, 22-year-old Ordinary Seaman, of the s/s Benvrackie, charged with stealing a raincoat from his ship, was sentenced to one month imprisonment by Mr. Latimer yesterday at Kowloon Magistracy.

Explaining the light sentence, Mr. Latimer told Chief Officer W.O. Atkinson that he was not taking a serious view so as not to make a hardened criminal of defendant, whom Atkinson described as a "hard element spoiling a good ship with a good crew," and did not want him back.

DSI Askew, prosecuting, told the Court that there was continual trouble with the ship's cargo on route. The Benvrackie leaving London on Nov. 23 last year, stopped at Penang, where it was discovered that five cases of cigarettes were missing. At Port Swettenham another five were short and 10 more cases at Singapore.

By-passing Hong Kong, the ship went to Shanghai.

S'HAH-H.K. AIR PASSAGE BOOSTED

Shanghai, Jan. 15. Air passage aboard four-engined Skymaster from here to Hong Kong has been increased to CN\$7,400, 000 per person, according to the China National Aviation Corporation today. Meanwhile, the passenger rate from Peking to Hong Kong aboard similar type aircraft was also hiked to CN\$15,200,000 for one trip.

—Central News.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ORDERS

Orders by Asst. Comm. A. J. Arculus, Acting Commissioner, St. J.A.H., Order No. 2/48 dated Jan. 10, 1948:

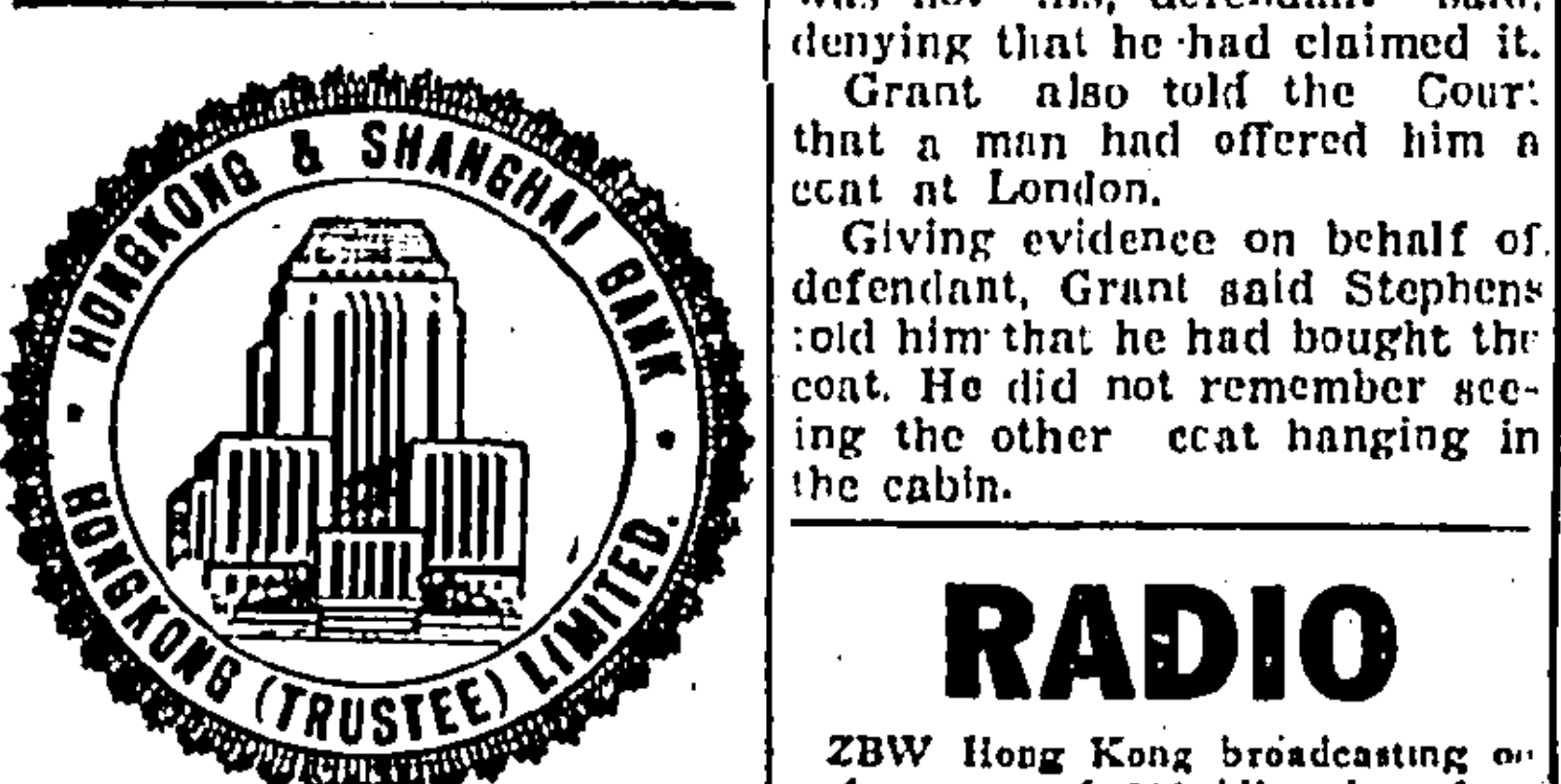
Parades: Hong Kong—St. John's Div. 8th Nam College Bat. 17th 7.30 p.m.; Shaokwan Div. Tai Koo Chinese School Bat. 17th 8 p.m.

Kowloon: Motor Transport Div. First Aid Lectures commencing Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd Motor Drivers Association Kowloon Lecturer Dr. K.C. Lam.

Promotions and Appointments: D/S. Liu Kwan to be O/C. Ambulance Service H.K. w.e.f. 1.1.48 in addition to his other duties; L/C. Ho Kar Yuen K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; Pte. Yung Hu Kwong K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; Pte. Yung Tai Kwan K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; Pte. Ching Kwai Chuan K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; Pte. Wong Shiu Tong, Shamshuipo Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; L/C. Ho Wai Shing, Shamshuipo Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; L/C. Lui Tin Lam, Shamshuipo Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; Pte. Chow Kwong Ngai, Shamshuipo Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 6.1.47; L/C. Van Shiu Hon, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 1.9.47; Pte. Wong Leung Kin, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to L/C. w.e.f. 1.9.47; Pte. Lo Poi Yung, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to L/C. w.e.f. 1.9.47; Pte. Fung Hon Sang, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to L/C. w.e.f. 1.9.47; L/C. Chow Wing Yew, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. to Cpl. 1.9.47.

Notice: All members are reminded that the Annual Ball will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the H.K. Hotel. Tickets may be purchased from the reception office of the H.K. or Peninsula Hotels.

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Ladies' International Club Revived



Lady Grantham, wife of H.E. the Governor, was guest of honour at a function at the revived Ladies' International Club in Gloucester Building yesterday.

Describing Lady Grantham's acceptance of the Honorary Presidency of the Hong Kong International Women's Club as having "hall-marked" the Club's activities as a worthy part in the social service of the Colony, Mrs. A. M. Elmhurst Matthews, Chairman of the Club, said in part: "Due to the splendid efforts and record of its past officials and generosity of friends we have been able to resume our activities."

"Our ex-Chairman, Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, returned to the Colony soon after the re-occupation of the Colony to re-organise the Club, and together with Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Scott, left no stone unturned in their efforts to secure Club premises. I know Mrs. Dunbar regret and dejection Mrs. Dunbar left the Colony before her purpose was accomplished."

Orders

"When she heard that the Hong Kong Land Investment was able to offer us part of our old premises, her abiding and keen interest was evidenced by her prompt orders to the manufacturers for office percolators, an electric range and a toaster. These gifts together with the flowers adorning this room are her special thought and gift for this occasion and I know how much she would want to be with us today."

Stephens, a native of Scotland, said that while in London he bought the coat from a dealer. He did not remember seeing the other coat hanging in the cabin.

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TENANCY APPEAL ALLOWED

Lady Chan Chak Case Taken As Precedent

An appeal by Lam Yat-man against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal in favour of Chung Kan-tong in respect of 28 Fly Dragon Terrace, 1st floor, was allowed by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulsne Judge) yesterday, with costs at \$250.

Mr. Justice Gould also made an order for possession at the expiration of 30 days and mesne profits at \$240 per month as from Sept. 19, 1947, with a stay of execution for 14 days.

Lam Yat-man, appellant, who was represented by Mr. P. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.K. Kan of Messrs. Lo & Lo, was a former Director of Public Works, Canton, and is now Adviser to the Sino-British Industrial Committee in Hong Kong, as well as Director of several leading companies, including the China Trust Co., Ltd., The Chung Shan Land Investment Co., Ltd., and On Lok Yuen Ltd.

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. F.H. Leach, appeared for the respondent, Chung Kan-tong.

The appeal was based on the ground that the decision made by the Tenancy Tribunal on Aug. 19, 1947, refusing an application by the appellant for possession, was wrong in law and against the weight of the evidence.

Prior to Mr. Bernacchi opening his case, Mr. Sheldon said that in view of the Lady Chan Chak—Brito case, it was quite clear that the appeal could not be resisted on the main points. He would, therefore, confine himself to two points, that the Tribunal had not decided that the appellant was a landlord under the Ordinance, but under the Ordinance and that the Tribunal had not considered the matter of suitable alternative accommodation, which must be considered under the Ordinance.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that the appeal be allowed, but the case remitted back to the Tribunal for consideration of the point.

Mr. Bernacchi dealt with the definition of "landlord" under the Ordinance and Proclamation and said that the difference was that in one case a "landlord" was a person entitled to rent and in the other, the person entitled to possession.

There had been a legal partition of the property and there was no necessity for the case to go back to the Tribunal.

The question of suitable alternative accommodation also came up in the Lady Chan Chak case, and as there was no evidence on the point, the Court

ing to lack of evidence.) Second defendant was charged with breach of banishment order and breaking into 121 Hennessy Road and stealing a large quantity of cosmetics.

Third and fourth accused were charged with being in possession of electric hair clippers, knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The case was adjourned until Monday when the correct price of the clippers will be determined by Inspector Cochrane (prosecuting).

The men denied knowing the goods were stolen and said that they bought the clippers and paid the correct price.

Mr. Conklin suggested that they were far below the correct price. As both were barbers they should know the price of American clippers.

Inspector Cochrane said that it was only by the expert work done by Inspector A. Morrison of the Fingerprint Department that second defendant was traced. Insp. Morrison detected a fingerprint on the inside of the window and identified Ng as being identical.

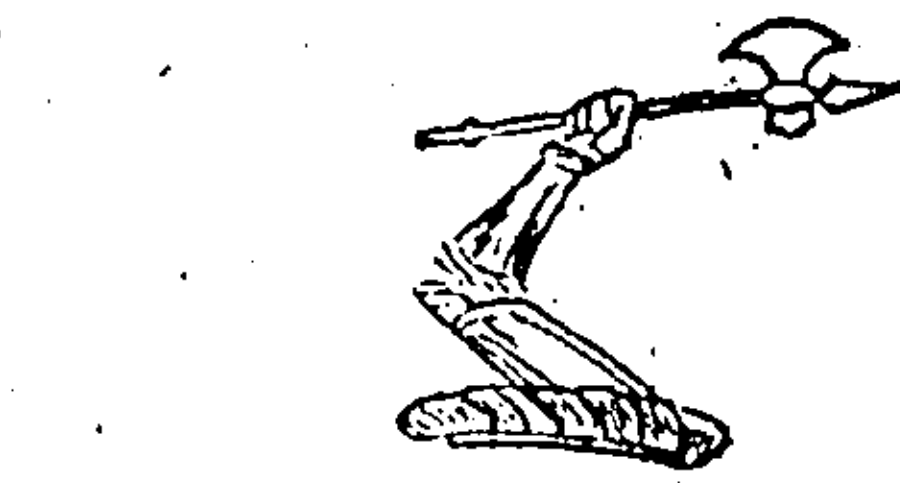
Mr. Conklin commented Mr. Morrison for his work and sentenced Ng to 18 months' hard labour and to be expelled at the termination of his sentence.

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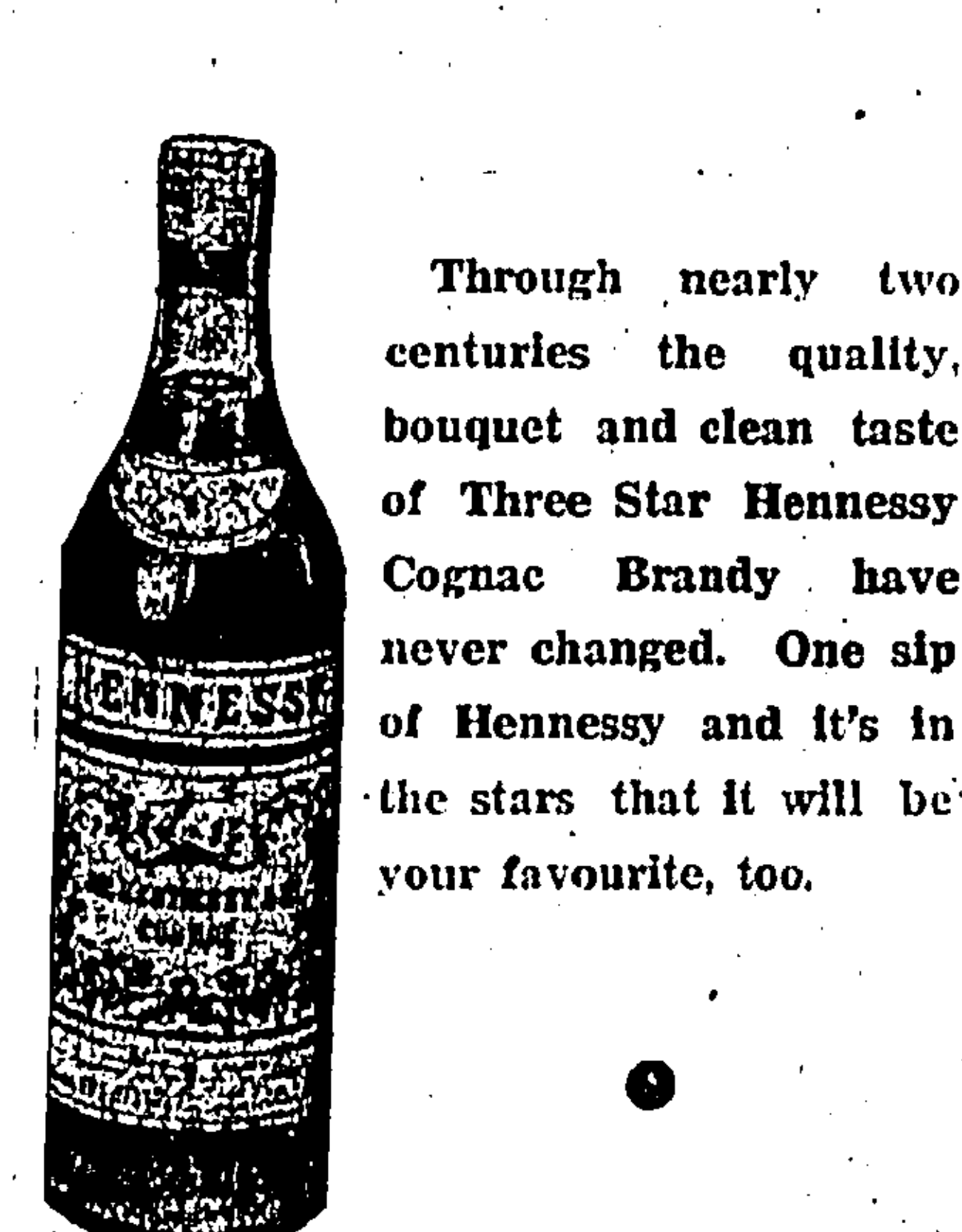
Mr. J.G. Conklin said this to Chan Choi, who appeared before him yesterday at the Central Magistracy on several charges of housebreaking and burglary.

Appearing at the same time as defendant were Ng Kwong Young, Wong Kam and Heung Ming Kei. First accused was charged with burglary 60, Hennessy Road and stealing eight sets of electric hair clippers, the property of Wong Po Chor, burglary together with Ng from 121, Hennessy Road, cosmetics valued at \$190, breaking and entering 18, Pedder Street and stealing 42 pairs of Nylon stockings, breaking and entering the Blue Bird Cafe and stealing seven boxes of chewing gum (withdrawn owing to lack of evidence), breaking and entering the Blue Bird Cafe and stealing seven tobacco pipes and four packets of cigarette papers, breaking and entering the Ah Man Ming Cheung Tailors and stealing one European style coat and a piece of cloth, attempting to break into the Fut Lok Noodle Cafe, stealing items of clothing from the New World Laundry (withdrawn owing to lack of evidence), stealing five cameras, 30 boys' singlets and six sweaters from the Palace Photographers and breaking and entering 180, Thompson Road and stealing five shirts (withdrawn owing to lack of evidence).



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EUROPEAN SOCIALIST SPLIT

Poles To Call Counter-Conference

Reply To British Invitation

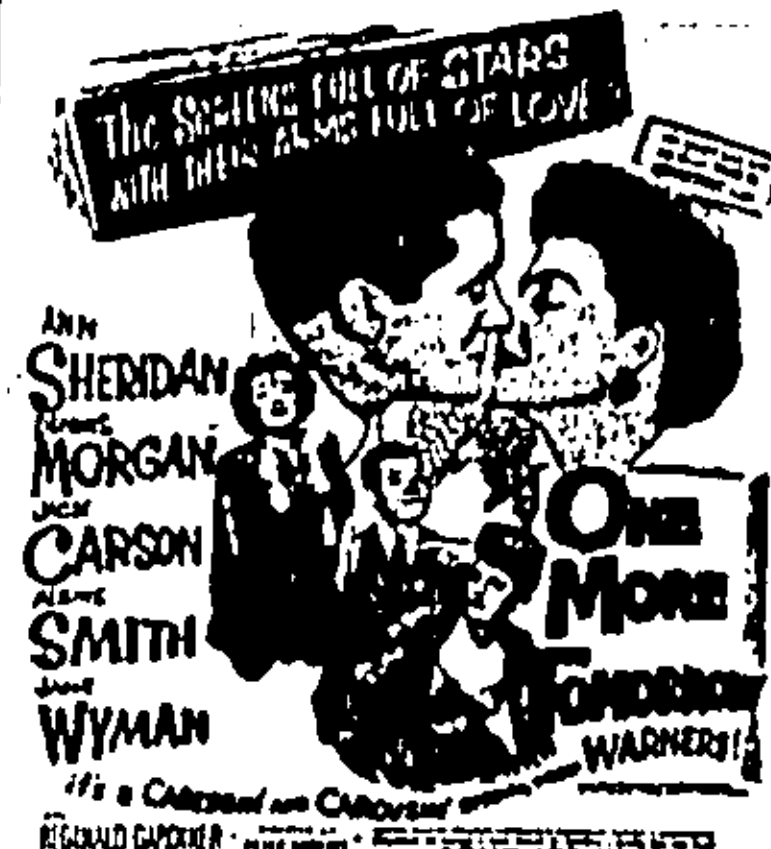
London, Jan. 15.
The reply of the Polish Socialist Party to the Anglo-French invitation for a conference with Socialist parties from countries interested in the Marshall Plan will be to call a counter-conference in Warsaw of the Socialist parties opposed to the Marshall Plan. While the London Conference next March is to discuss "European reconstruction on Socialist lines in relation to American aid", the Warsaw Conference projected by the Polish Socialists would have, for its agenda, "European reconstruction by Europe's own efforts without the Marshall Plan".

A Corpse And 30 Students

Singapore, Jan. 14.
A corpse on board an Indonesian Republican Dakota forced down by bad weather in Singapore is that of an Indonesian named Achmad who died in Jogjakarta and was being flown back to his birthplace in Sumatra for burial.
Reports that the body was that of Dr. Soekarno the Indonesian Republican President, were denied by Indonesian official sources here two days ago.
The Dakota, on its way from Jogjakarta to Sumatra, was forced down here a fortnight ago. It was piloted by an American, Mr. F. Freeberg.
On board, besides the crew and the corpse, were 30 people described as students but thought to include members of the Republican army. They have gone on to Sumatra by sea.
The Singapore authorities have given Mr. Freeberg permission to take off for Sumatra, with four Indonesian members of the crew and the corpse, after repairs to the plane. The Dutch authorities have been informed that there is no one else on board.—Reuter.

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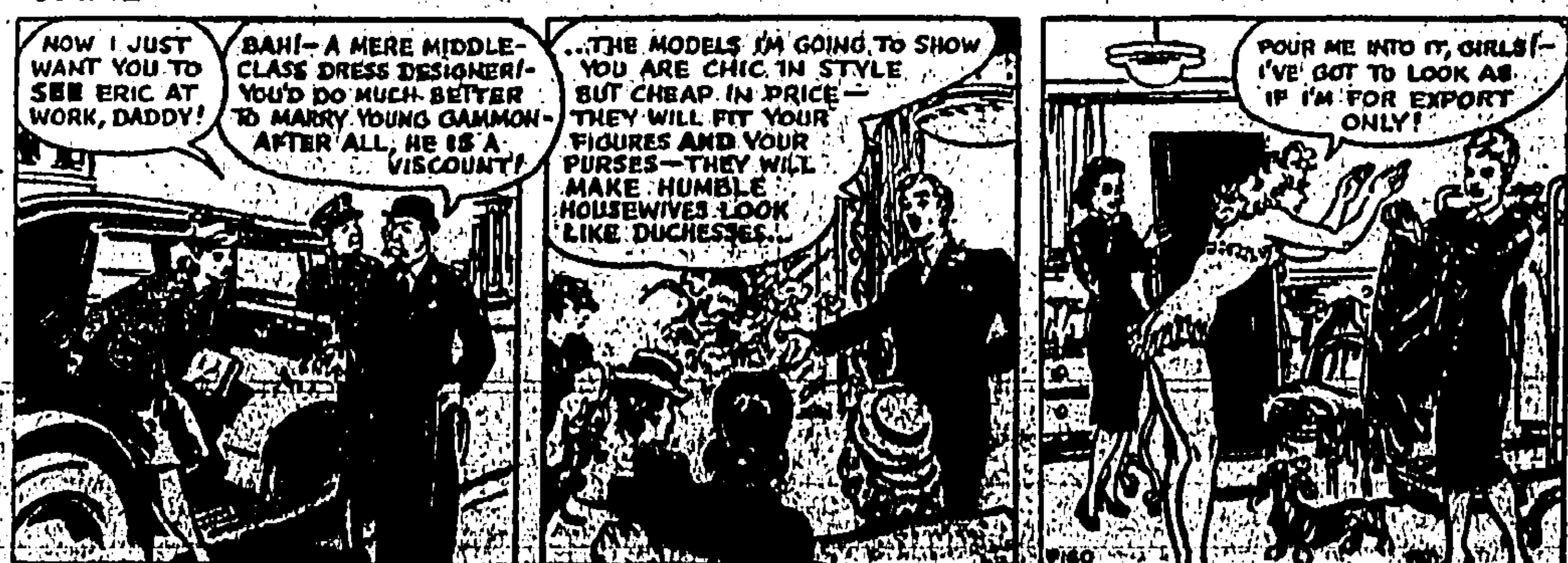
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U.S. STAYING IN BERLIN

Washington, Jan. 14.
Mr. Robert Lovett, Under-Secretary of State, declared today that the United States had no intention of withdrawing from Berlin despite apparently Russian inspired editorials in German eastern zone newspapers.
"We will remain in Berlin in discharge of our obligations," he said.
Mr. Lovett spoke in answer to a statement in a Soviet army newspaper in Berlin last Sunday which declared: "There is no room in Berlin for adherents of the partition of Germany."—Reuter.

Bevin To Approach Egypt?

LONDON, JAN. 15.
A DECISION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-STARTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT FOR REVISION OF THE 1936 ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS HOLIDAY NEXT WEEK. IT IS LEARNED RELIABLY HERE TONIGHT.
Sir Ronald Campbell, British Ambassador to Egypt, is still in London but he is expected to return to his post before Mr. Bevin is back at work.
Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, who was also consulted by Mr. Bevin last week in connection with the possibility of a new approach to Egypt, returned to Khartoum by air yesterday.—Reuter.

Tea Export Tax

New Delhi, Jan. 14.
The Government of India today announced the raising, by about sixpence sterling per 100 pounds weight, of the tax on tea exported from India and Pakistan.
The announcement in the India Gazette said that one rupee six annas (two shillings sterling) per 100 pounds weight would be levied on tea produced in India and Pakistan and exported.
This compulsory tax on tea exports had stood at one rupee since April 1946.
"Ceylon yesterday rejected a British offer of twopence per pound more than the 1947 contract price."—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 14.
Mr. Robert Lovett, Under-Secretary of State, said today that the American Government was opposed to the reconvening of the 16 nation Paris conference until it is clear in what form the Marshall Plan will finally be approved.—Reuter.

Austrian Nazi Plots Nipped In Bud

Vienna, Jan. 14.
Oscar Holmer Helmar, Austrian Minister of the Interior, today gave Parliament a full report of the discovery of the Nazi plots which led to the arrest of more than 200 people.
Helmar said that during the years of their internment former Nazi leaders had renewed their power over the younger and more innocent men and had formed an organization to carry on the Nazi idea.
He described one organization, which, he said, had obtained its finances from black-market activities, was camouflaged as trading and other associations and was creating a "neo-Nazi Order to carry on the Nazi idea."

S.M.C. Employees Protest

SHANGHAI, JAN. 15.
FAILING TO SECURE SATISFACTION OF THEIR CLAIMS FOR SUPPLEMENTATION AND OTHER FUNDS FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, A SECTION OF THE FORMER FOREIGN EMPLOYEES OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, THE PRE-WAR GOVERNING BODY OF THE SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT, IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE NOTICE OF THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.
A week ago, one American member of the SMC staff informed the local press that he was starting a campaign in the United States to interest Senator Robert Taft and Colonel McRink, the well-known publisher of the Chicago Tribune, in the case of the SMC foreign employees.
The latest step to be taken in the campaign is a direct appeal to President Truman.
It is understood that, during recent months, large numbers of enquiries have been received in Shanghai from members of the former SMC in all parts of the world—Singapore, Malaya, Britain, Germany—seeking information about their funds.—Reuter.

Cold Wave Hits U.S.

CHICAGO, JAN. 15.
THE WINTER'S MOST SEVERE COLD WAVE TODAY CHILLED RESIDENTS IN A WIDE BELT FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS TO THE APALACHIAN MOUNTAINS, AND IN INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA, WHERE RESIDENTS ARE SUFFERING A FUEL OIL SHORTAGE, THE MERCURY FELL TO 30 DEGREES BELOW ZERO (FAHR).
Sub-zero temperatures were reported in many other communities in the North Central states, where the shortage of fuel oil complicated the problem of keeping warm.
Other low temperatures included 25 below zero at Pembina, North Dakota, 22 below at Duluth, Minnesota, and 20 below at Alexandria, Minnesota.
The cold extended far south to New Orleans, where temperatures dropped to below freezing.—United Press.

ROYAL COUPLE IN LONDON

London, Jan. 14.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh returned here today from Sandringham, the Royal Family's country residence in Norfolk, where they had been staying before Christmas with the King and Queen.
The Duke is resuming his duties as a naval officer at the Admiralty tomorrow.—Reuter.

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ZBW

The revival of discussion about the organisation and programmes of ZBW may, at least, serve the tactical purpose of re-emphasising the need for setting up an independent body to investigate the system and make recommendations on future planning and policy.

The existing set-up was good enough twenty years ago, when radio was in its infancy, but these are wrong days in which to adopt the attitude that we must be content to do our best with what we've got. One needs only think back for a few days to discover convincing argument in support of the contention that the development of ZBW and ZEK with the purpose of making them "The Voice of Britain" in this part of the world is a post-war necessity.

Creating a powerful and efficient wireless broadcasting service in Hong Kong cannot guarantee that the news and views put out from it will be instantly accepted by the audience to which they are addressed. But that is no excuse for a weary defeatism: still less for not making the attempt.

There is of course no warrant for singling out any individual as responsible for the backwardness of ZBW. As a Government-administered system, it has to follow the rules of the government game, and it must necessarily confine its expenditures to the figure allotted in the annual budget. It has, however, been treated far too long as the Cinderella of the public services, with a general insistence that it shall not become a charge on the public. In actual fact, the figures produced by the Postmaster-General on Monday strongly suggest that the Government is turning ZBW into a source of revenue. Twenty-two thousand licences produce a sum at least \$80,000 in excess of the broadcasting vote of about \$150,000.

On the safe assumption that revenue from this source will tend steadily to increase, there is a strong case for far-sighted plans for expansion. No revolution is necessary. A greater measure of independence from the general administrative machine, the willingness of Government to add a subsidy to the receipts from licence fees, would, in short time, we believe, provide a satisfactory answer to all the critics. But the matter urgently calls for examination along a new line of approach: and the best way to ensure that is, we suggest, the appointment of a small commission.

New Treaty

The discussions held in London last week between an Iraqi Government delegation and the British Government, which resulted in the initialing on Saturday of the text of a new Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance, were noteworthy for the extreme cordiality with which the conversations were imbued and the satisfaction shared by both parties at the successful character of the result.

It does not seem inappropriate to emphasise the readiness with which the British Government responded to the desire of the Iraqi Government to obtain a revision of some of the provisions of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance of 1930 which should have remained in force until October 1957 and contains no provision for its revision before 1953.

In agreeing now to bring the 1930 Treaty up to date, the British Government have been actuated by the basic principle which is set out in the 1930 Treaty, namely, "to consolidate friendship and perpetuate relations of good understanding" between the two countries. It is in this spirit that the British Government consented to revise a treaty which already recognised the complete freedom and independence of Iraq. The new treaty will be signed this week-end at Portsmouth and afford more effective security to Iraq and more effective security to the British Empire.

NOT A RESOLUTION, BUT—A CONFESSION

By Frank Owen

Let Fleet-street call this ballyhoo: it will. Fleet-street lives, and thrives, on liberty; not to say licence. Long may it.

For I think we do not abuse it. The cynical, sentimental, fundamental "let-be" of Our Village is one of the chief, and last, bastions of freedom in this world.

Don't tell me that the place cannot also, on occasion, be a jungle. I have lived here for 20 years; and there are worse places than jungles.

Now I wish to pay tribute to a very great man in our street. He was Jimmy Dunn, a reporter. Now he's dead.

He got the news. Newspapers (oddly enough, Mr. Herby Morrison) really do live on news. That is why we are still in business.

Jimmy Dunn was not a special Something-or-Other. He was, like Northcliffe himself, a reporter. Jimmy Dunn was a Great Reporter. He only wanted N-wa.

If all the fools who now attack the Press would only understand this simple fact, all would be well.

This last thing in the world which a reporter wishes to have is a denial. They never denied Jimmy. Does any craftsman in this world want to have a second-rate article sent back to him for comment, or complaint?

We like our Royal Commission on the Press. We regard them as the animals at the Zoo regard the visitors from the country. They come, and look at us, and go away. Occasionally ex-Keeper Priestley points out a peculiarly vicious creature, who turns out to like sugar.

What did the visitors find out about us that was not written in the books?

For an adult people, if there is anything more absurd (because it is more pompous) than the American probe into the Movies, it is the British probe into the Press.

If busy "journalists" M.P.s who sell an occasional article in Fleet-street really want to probe the "publicity racket," why don't they take the lid off (a) the film industry, (b) the B.B.C.?

Maybe they also want to write an occasional script.

Moving around the country I meet people who defiantly proclaim themselves Tory, Liberal, Socialist. They are all very firm about it too.

"When I ask 'em WHY, the fun starts. You show me an intelligent, patriotic Tory; take me, then, to a Liberal who is the same; and then bring on a "rabid Socialist," such as Emanuel Shinwell or Aneurin Bevan.

We will then all sit down to gather and argue things out with three-men who deeply love their country and its people.

The Tory will attack the Socialist Government, not for nationalising the mines, in 1947 (he would have done it himself in 1948) but for not running this new National Service as well as might be. Dammit, Sir! Bad show!

100 Years Ago
(From the file of the "China Mail")
An invention which promises very extensively to supersede the copying machine, and to be of great importance to commercial men as well as to residents and visitors in tropical countries, has just been patented.

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The Liberal, of course, would have nationalised the mines in 1927. Had it been done, he reckons that by now the miners' honeymoon with the Government would be over, and that this fine chap would be sighing for the Good Old Days.

The Socialist (if he sits for a coal constituency) is probably already casting about for a method of bringing the personal touch into a bureaucratised industry.

Since we are committed to this system, both in the mines and since January 1, in transport, we all sincerely hope it will work out effectively.

The advent of a great man such as General Bill Slim on the railway situation is one of 1948's great hopes. Slim has the supreme genius of common sense. And, this man has also two other tremendous gifts—guts and absolute integrity. Every soldier who served with him knows it.

I should here make plain my own view on our political set-up.

On July 26, 1946, long enough ago, I wrote here: "I had better hold my own colours. I am an old-fashioned Gladstonian-Liberal, with slight Syndicalist leanings. I do not like any Government. I realise that they are necessary, like the drains; but they don't appeal to me personally."

That stands. I deplore that to-day the Liberal Party is not a challenging force. All the finest social

(and the most sensible economic) ideas reside there. But today, they are "out."

I hope not tomorrow. What are we arguing about? Two sets of men are arguing. Not two sets of ideas.

An unmenace, broad, and common territory lies before all parties.

We cannot have a Coalition of Parties.

But we can have a Coalition of Purpose.

What? Back to the Whigs and the Tories?

Well, it was a civilised form of government. Both parties spoke in the same terms. And today, all parties here in Britain are talking in the same terms.

We are trying to run a democratic country with two great main parties, each thoroughly aware that either may have to assume the responsibility of government at any hour. It makes both of 'em think!

Today our political system is a mixture of Tory paternalism, Liberal maternalism, and Socialist Aunt Fannyism.

It still works. Let's try, by argument, even abuse, to make it work still better.

But in this memorable century of liberty in Europe, good readers, remember this, and always:

Liberty is won by a handful of idealists in a multitude of contented slaves; and—

Liberty can be destroyed by an equal handful of resolute idealists making a greater multitude of slaves.

GOOD MORNING!

Tracking Down The Desert Smugglers

By J. L. HAYS

The camel caravan came out from behind the grey veil of rain and flying sand, and struggled to a halt before the group of dust-stained tents of the Palestine Police frontier control post. Ahead stretched the road to Egypt over the dim Sinai Desert, empty and lonely, the sand tossing across its black surface like surf over a beach.

The British Sergeant looked up from the trestle table and asked his Arab constable: "Passports okay, I suppose?"

"Alwah (Yes)" replied the Arab and winked.

The Sergeant looked again at the telephone messages from Headquarters in Jerusalem and called: "Okay, Bill, get cracking."

From the back of the tent a bored Royal Engineer, sapper groped his way out to the leading canister. He carried a mine detector.

"Try This One"

The constable dutifully moved the safety catch on his rifle to "Fire." The Sergeant pressed his revolver and laid it on the table. The Sapper clamped the disk of his detector against the underbelly of the leading camel.

"Tell them to bring the camels up one by one," ordered the Sergeant.

There was a burst of excited chattering from the Arab drivers, huddling against their animals.

Five times he Sapper called "Okay." Five times the Sergeant jerked his thumb. "On your way," he told the five drivers.

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But at the sixth camel the Sapper said: "Try this one."

Fifteen minutes later a dead

camel lay beside the road, its driver, grey-faced and anxious, with his hands in the air. Six small sealed tins, recovered from the animal's stomach, were on the desk of the Sergeant, who had, shot it. And in the tins, he knew, was hashish.

This was how the hashish smugglers' latest trick was discovered. But there will be new tricks, and soon. Because in the rich valleys of the Lebanon and on the terraced fields of Southern Syria 1947's hashish crop is already being gathered in; and as far north as Paris and Rome and from Algiers through the Sudan and Egypt, and up to Istanbul, in Turkey, the drug-addict "customers" are ready to pay to pay dearly in money, and ultimately in mind and body—for a pinch of the brown powder in their cigarettes and water pipes.

Hashish, a four-foot high, limp, hemp-like plant, is easily grown for easy money. Profit on an acre may be as high as £4,000.

Both in Syria and the Lebanon there are always against growing it. But it seems, little is done to enforce them.

But the smugglers make even bigger money. In Egypt, the readiest "wholesale" market, it sells for £50 a pound. By the time it gets to the actual smokers in Cairo, Paris, or Marseilles, it is worth anything up to £250 a pound.

Hashish-police Palestine, where no hashish is grown, is the crossroads of the hashish smugglers' world. Through the Holy Land passes the bulk of the traffic.

But the Palestine Police Narcotics Branch has its triumphs. Only a few days ago they con-

fiscated a drugs consignment worth £30,000 in a Jerusalem hotel. And, last March, from an overturned British Army entertainment truck on a lonely desert road near Gaza they took hashish and opium worth £45,000.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

(Reports from Correspondents Round the Globe)

Through the Window this week comes the quavering voice of French astrologers, who, having studied the courses of the stars for next year assure us that there will be no war in 1948.

How ever, Paris Correspondent Kenneth Thorburn adds that they add a loud and sinister "But..." to this soothing prognostication.

"1948," they say, "will be loaded with worries and catastrophes of all kinds. The most critical period for the world will be between March 18 and March 23. In France, March 23-April 1 will be a period of great danger."

About Marshall Stalin, the astrologer said: "He is seriously ill, and will die during the latter half of the year."

As for General Charles de Gaulle, he is expected to assume heavy responsibilities in March. "His health will be a great worry," the astrologer said.

But the French Communist Party, duo for a "hard time" in the summer, according to a forecast by a woman astrologer.

The latest and most up-to-date banking facility is reported recently by correspondent Cecil Clark in Mexico City, who tells me that the Banco de Comercio have just opened the first of their "Service in your car" branches in the millionaires' colony of Chapultepec Heights.

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It almost makes spending money a pleasure.

A very different story comes from Cape Girardeau in Rome. It appears that there is no shortage of auxiliary police forces in Italy. They are now being trained in a military school in Rome.

With an English style forage cap as at a Japanese military band, new auxiliary police forces remain in the Italian army as a military territorial fashion.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Use your left! You're making me look like a dope!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

WHEN TO SEEK A SPLIT

Playing the percentages is the bedrock foundation of good bridge, in both the bidding and the play. It is exemplified no more clearly than in the option of a declarer to favor a finesse—ordinarily a 50-50 chance—against trying for the even break of six outstanding cards in a suit, against which the odds are approximately 60 to 40. But developments in the bidding or the early play can show either that the suit is quite likely to break evenly, or that the finesse is quite likely to lose. That alters the odds by some important amount.

S. 7 6 5 2
H. 8 4
D. 8 4 3
C. 8 4 7 6

S. Q 10 4
H. A 10 6 5
D. K J 7
C. 5 4 2

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S. J 9 3
H. K 7 3 2
D. 10 6 5 2
C. 9 3

S. A K 8
H. Q J 9
D. A Q 9
C. K Q J 10

(Dealer: South, Neither side vulnerable.)
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT

This deal illustrated the logic used in important spots by some of the world's very finest players, as against those who are nearly but not quite as good. It came in a championship team game in which the bidding was identical at both tables, and so were the first three tricks. West led the heart 5 to the K. East the 2 to the J and A, then West the 10 to the Q.

At one table the declarer, noting that he had four certain tricks in clubs, two in spades and one each in the red suits, saw two ways to try for the ninth trick. One was to play for the split in spades to set up a thirteenth. The other was to finesse the diamond Q. He attempted the latter and, when it failed, he was down one.

Some new evidence to support a theory that the sun and planets like the earth were born out of huge clouds of cosmic dust and gas was described by Dr. Fred L. Whipple of the Harvard College Observatory.

New stars, and possibly planetary systems, might be in the process of formation now this way, he told the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The theory is that a star and its planets are formed from a cloud of dust and gas which may originally be thousands of billions of miles in radius.

Pressure light might push particles into such a cloud.

Over a period of tens of millions of years, the cloud would shrink or condense as streams of dust and gas moving about in the cloud collided with each other. The process would speed up with the cloud contracting much faster as it grew smaller, and the final collapse into a new star might come relatively quickly.

The new evidence for the theory is mathematical calculations of the original diameters that the planets would have to possess before their final condensation, and the amount of heat that would be generated on the planets for a short period of time, as months or a year.

These calculations, Dr. Whipple said, have shown striking consistency. The heat on a few planets was "so high that it would burn off the atmosphere and destroy them; and also burn the matter that was still left."

Other uncertainties of physical theory, however, show striking agreement of predicted development of the system as we observe it today.

YOUR NEXT QUESTION

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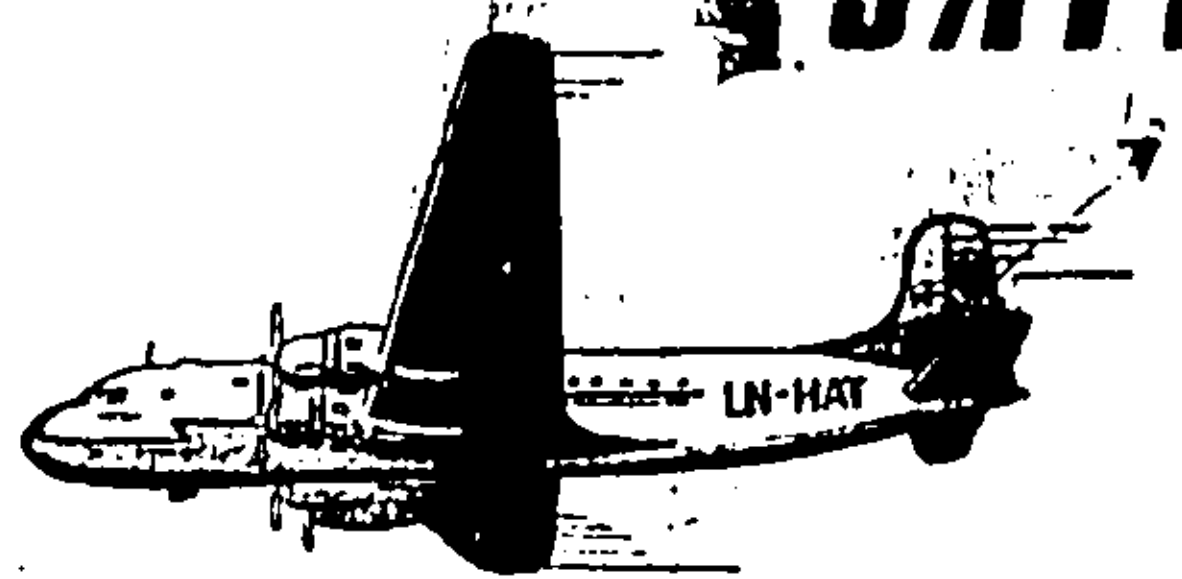
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COMMUNISTS STAY AWAY

Constitutional Deadlock In France

Long Wrangling Without Result

Paris, Jan. 14. The National Assembly tonight officially began its 1948 session without the Communists after wrangling over its Parliamentary leadership for nearly 24 hours.

But the constitutional deadlock, caused by the Communists' refusal to accept the nominations on who should preside over the Assembly, had been only temporarily settled, observers thought tonight.

Threat To British Firms

PEIPING, JAN. 15. ARMED MEN OFFICERS FROM THE PEIPING SECOND MUNICIPAL WARD, JANUARY 13 DEMANDED MONEY FROM TWO LEADING BRITISH FIRMS HERE AND THREATENED IMMEDIATE CONSCRIPTION OF THE FIRMS' ENTIRE CHINESE STAFFS.

Borden Harmon, British Consul in Peiping, revealed this today. Harmon telegraphed a protest to the British Embassy in Nanking.

The armed group demanded of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and the Asiatic Petroleum Company the payment of a substantial sum of money for raising anti-Communist forces.

Failing payment, they threatened immediate conscription of the entire Chinese staffs of both companies.—Associated Press.

Faked Passports Scheme

London, Jan. 15. Special Branch officers, investigating the plot to smuggle aliens from Germany to Canada, through Britain, on faked British passports, believe that they uncovered the scheme soon after it came into operation and were able to stamp out the traffic before it reached serious proportions.

It was thought that only about 30 people with faked passports have passed through England and have succeeded in reaching Canada.

The first clue was the discovery of an error in a passport in the possession of an alien who had arrived at a Scottish airport a week ago.

A number of passport photographs were found on the man and inquiries were started.

It was understood that the names of 30 aliens who were believed to have entered Canada with faked passports were cabled to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from London last night.—Reuter.

Britain Ready To Stint

London, Jan. 14. Britain is ready if necessary to stint herself to any degree to pay her way in world food, the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, declared today when reviewing Anglo-Canadian economic relations at a luncheon given by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Britain, he said, had good reason to believe that she would be able to produce in 1948 very nearly enough goods to pay for food and raw materials she must import from the rest of the world.

"We need have no fear whatsoever about our determination and our ability to produce goods and services necessary to pay our way in the world," he added.

Referring to the Marshall Plan, Mr. Strachey said: "British goods are being sent to the United States and other countries in return for goods which we need. This is a very important part of our economic life."

The impasse began when M. Marcel Cachin, presiding over yesterday's first session of the year as "Father" of the house, refused to accept the list of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries presented by the leaders of the various Parliamentary groups.

He adjourned the House tonight after Communist objections had been overruled.

The non-Communists wanted the Communist leader, M. Jacques Duclos, third on the list of Vice-Presidents. Instead of first, a position to which it is claimed he is entitled because the Communists are the largest single party in the Assembly.

Shortly after M. Cachin had adjourned the House tonight the committee, reassembled without the Communists, and with M. Maurice Violette, second oldest deputy in the Assembly, in the chair.

More Trouble? He at once read the list of new members of the Bureau of the Assembly, and said: "I hereby declare that the 1948 National Assembly Bureau is constituted."

He then closed the session. The Assembly will reconvene tomorrow when, according to observers, further trouble is expected, since the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were not adopted by the Chamber today.

The Communists maintain that until the minutes have been approved, the election of M. Edouard Herriot as the permanent head of the Assembly is not legal.

The minutes, which were rejected today by the anti-Communist majority, must come up again for approval or amendment tomorrow.—Reuter.

LANA TURNER SACKED Hollywood, Jan. 15. Lana Turner, sweaters and all, was given the bounce right out of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

The studio denied that the suspension was connected with the blonde star's highly publicized romances.

A spokesman said she went off the payroll for refusing a choice part in a new multi-million dollar epic, but the studio was supposed to be very unhappy over her romantic escapades.—United Press.

Gandhi Breaks His Doctor's Orders

New Delhi, Jan. 14. Mahatma Gandhi, the spiritual leader of India's millions, 30 hours after his last meal, disregarded his doctor's advice and in a hoarse whisper, spoke to an audience of 500 people who attended his prayer meeting today.

On the second day of his fast to bring about the unity of Hindus and Moslems, there was no sign of any change in the condition of the Mahatma except that he did not walk so briskly and his voice was quieter than usual.

"This day is not far off which I shall not have enough strength to speak or move," he said.

Although the doctors advised me not to attend this meeting, I am not in the doctors' hands but in the hands of God. I do not care even if I die.

Mahatma Gandhi said the Moslems in Pakistan "should give a definite proof of their goodwill towards Hindus and Sikhs."

TONBRIDGE TRAGEDY

Tonbridge, Jan. 13. Firemen searching debris of a house badly damaged by fire in Cornwell Gardens, Tonbridge, found the body of Mrs. Angell, the wife of a member of the Tonbridge Urban District Council.

The cause of the fire is not known but police and firemen are satisfied that Mrs. Angell was alone in the house when the fire started and in bed and asleep.—Reuter.

Reds Hang On To Women

Hamburg, Jan. 14. Repeated representations have been made to Russia about female German army personnel imprisoned in Russia, the British occupation authorities said today in a statement issued in reply to a request by the German Zonal Advisory Council for speedy repatriation.

The British authorities added they "do not believe that further representations to the Soviet authorities would produce palpable results."

A similar reply was given to a request for inquiries to be made into the disappearance of children from the Soviet zone.—Reuter.

SOVIET AMBITIONS AS MARITIME POWER

Washington, Jan. 15. Lieut. P. W. Ralston, Jr., of the United States Navy, today asserted that the United States "must face the prospect of great Soviet sea power in future, with a large Red Navy fleet based in the Port Arthur-Vladivostok-Petravolovsk area" of the Far East.

Writing in the quasi-official magazine United States Naval Institute Proceedings, Lt. Ralston predicted:

"Russia's mercantile ambitions in the Pacific and the planned growth of the Siberian fisheries and the Petrovsk terminal of the Northern Passage must be added to other factors calling for naval expansion in the Pacific."

He said the largest Russian fleet undoubtedly would be based in the Black Sea as "Russia once again bids strongly for control of the Dardanelles" but the second largest would be on the Pacific Coast, with the Soviet Northern fleet along the "Murmansk Run" and the Baltic sea fleet in third and fourth positions in point of size.

Lt. Ralston saw Soviet designs on trade with India, the Netherlands East Indies and Indonesia.

Soviet Goal. "A Vietnam victory" in Indo-China would give the Soviets access to that trade and the Russians hope to enter the Indian market soon as the British pull out," he wrote. "How that will affect the Dutch in the East Indies no man knows, but the Indonesian Republic might be disposed to deal with Moscow."

Secret Plan For Palestine

LEAKE SUCCESS, JAN. 15. GREAT BRITAIN PREPARED TODAY TO LAY BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION AN EXPANDED AND HIGHLY SECRET PLAN FOR PULLING OUT FROM PALESTINE.

The Commission, which will supervise the partition of the Holy Land, has agreed to a demand of the British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, that the detailed blueprint for transferring authority to the United Nations will be kept "strictly confidential."

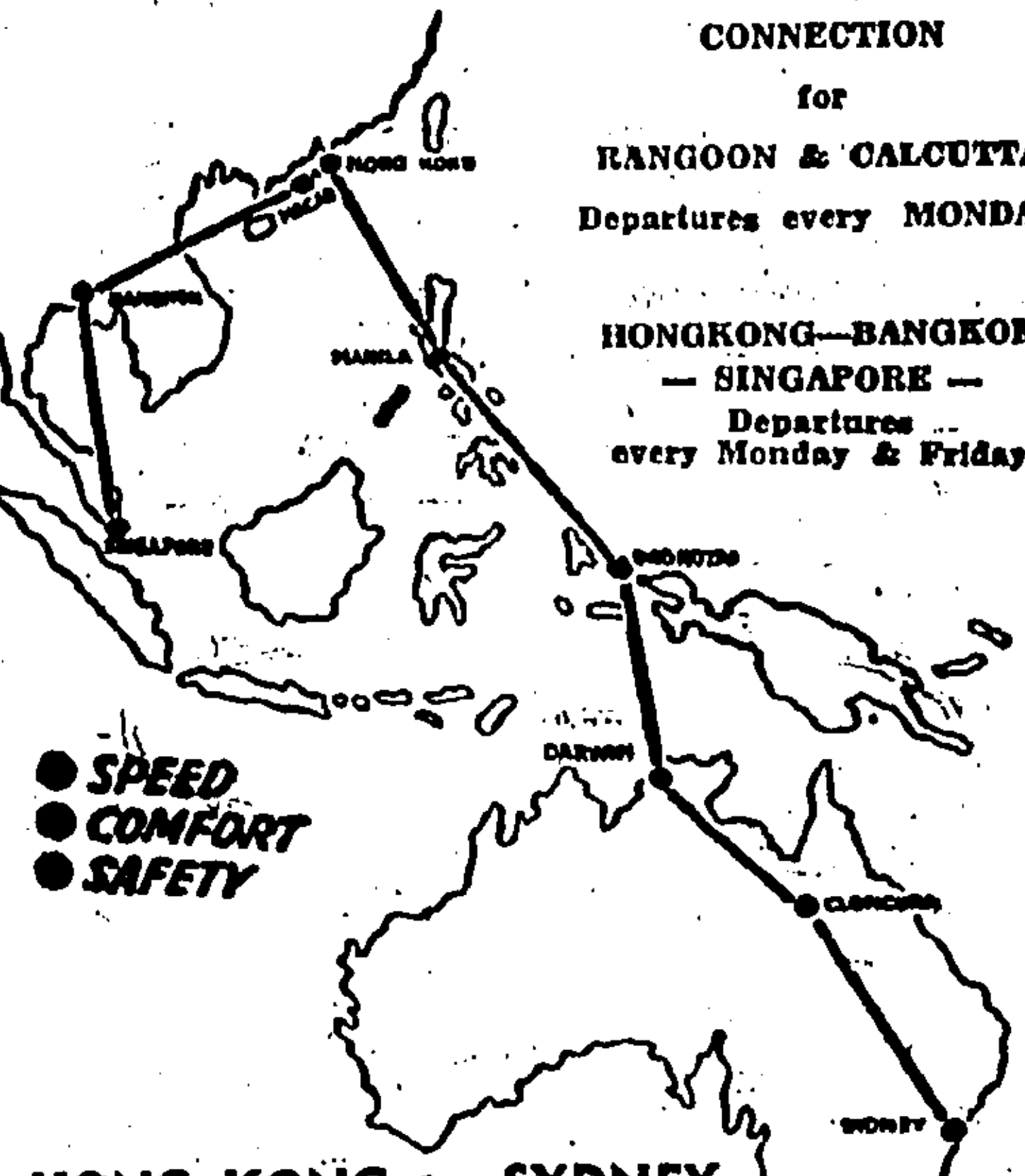
Setting a pace beyond expectations, the five-nation group is ready to follow up the Cadogan hearing by calling Hoshe Shertok, Jewish Agency chief, to the main problem by preparing to introduce a proposal designed to prod the Security Council into considering immediately the necessity of an international police force to back the partition.—United Press.

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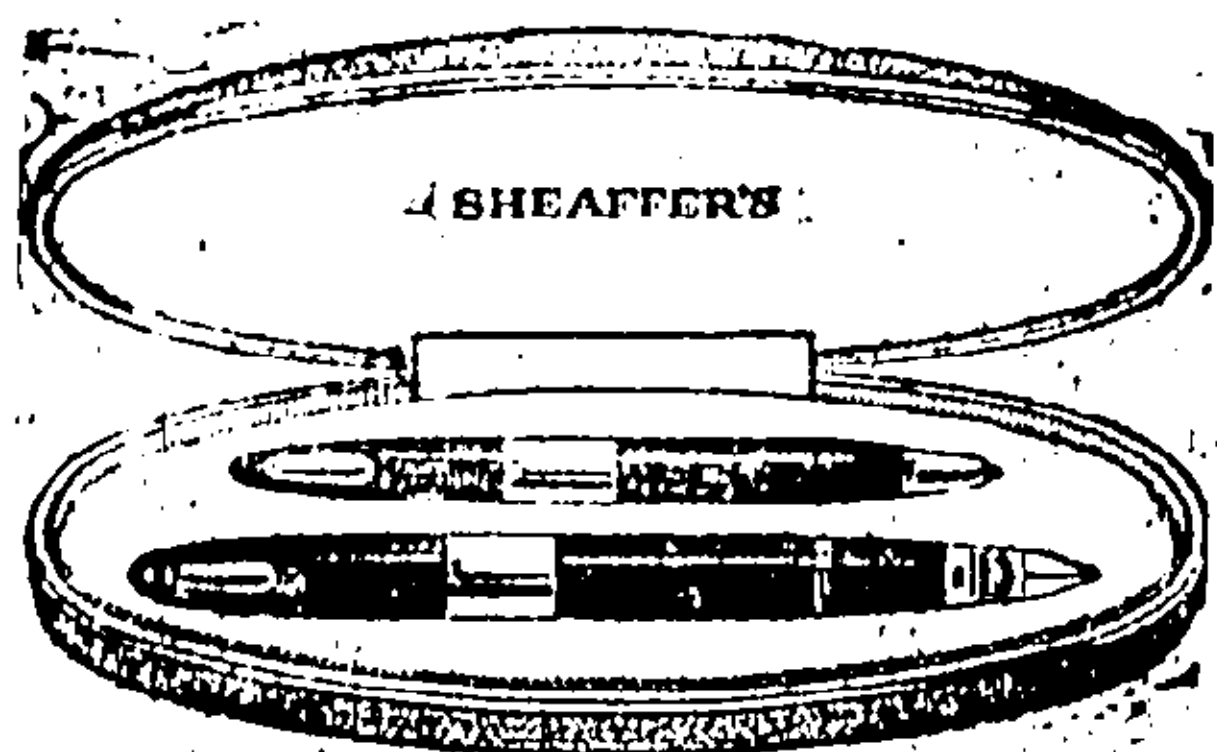
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AUCHINLECK'S DESPATCHES
Eighth Army Handicapped In Desert
Tank Inferiority
To Rommel

London, Jan. 15. General, now Field Marshal, Sir Claude Auchinleck, British Commander-in-Chief of Middle East forces from 1940 to 1942, said today that the conduct of the Eighth Army desert battle with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops was "always handicapped" by "lack of knowledge of Soviet capabilities and intentions."

In a lengthy despatch published in the London Gazette Auchinleck described the bitter Middle East military operations from Nov. 1, 1941 to Aug. 15, 1942.

Lack of adequate equipment in desert warfare, and the unexpected withdrawal of troops to the Far East to meet the Japanese attack, also were given as reasons for the eventual retreat from Tobruk to El Alamein.

General Auchinleck revealed that in May, 1942 "apart from one operation, there were no aircraft either in Malta or the rest of the Middle East capable of reaching Tripoli, nor were the British yet capable of bombing Benghazi by day."

He paid tribute to the Russian heroic stand at Stalingrad, "which stood between the Middle East and the gravest danger," but referred time and again to the difficulties encountered in attempting to cooperate with the Soviet military commanders.

Handicapped

"The successful Russian counter-offensive in the winter of 1941 to 1942 offset the loss of promised reinforcements in point of time," he wrote, "but not as regards the size of the forces, which would eventually be required to garrison the whole command if the Germans should take the offensive once more and defeat the Russians."

"We were always handicapped in our calculations, I may say, by lack of knowledge of Soviet capabilities and intentions."

Describing plans to fight the enemy in Northern Persia to protect bases and oil installations at the head of the Persian Gulf, it was necessary to explore and prepare the ground, the general said.

Russian Refusal

"These facilities the Russians, who controlled this zone, would not give us," he wrote. "Moreover, we had no information of their plans for the offensive in the Caucasus. We asked that arrangements be made without delay for us to cooperate with the Russians. But this seemed impossible, owing, apparently, to the Russian high command's insistence on centralization and great secrecy."

Later Auchinleck said the Eighth Army "acted independently" and sent reconnaissance parties into Northern Persia to procure at least some of the essential information.

"These parties established good relations with the Persians and did their work with little friction," he added.

The despatch detailed the Eighth Army's initial successes in Eastern Cyrenaica which led to the destruction of "over two-thirds of the enemy forces in the area and the relief of the Tobruk garrison," and then related the arrival of enemy reinforcements and the Eighth Army's retreat back to El Alamein.

High Cost

Learning to handle tanks in the desert "cost us dearly," Auchinleck admitted.

"In spite of the gallantry with which they fought, our armoured troops were worsted in almost every encounter with the enemy tanks, not only because they were comparatively inexperienced but also because the enemy tanks mounted guns of greater range."

"Whenever our tanks attempted to take the enemy in the rear, they were confronted by formidable 88-millimetre guns to which we possessed no counterpart."

Another difficulty, the general said, was the war in the Far East, which "gravely affected our plans in the Middle East."

"In April 23 we received a long and detailed appreciation of the situation," he wrote. "In discussing possible Japanese plans, an attempt to invade Ceylon was suggested, and although it seemed more likely that the Japanese would try to

exploit their success in Malay and Burma by advancing into India from the Northeast.

Japanese Threat

"For the time being, we were in no position to offer effective resistance by sea, land or air to any offensive."

"Should the Japanese press boldly westward without pause for consolidation, the Indian Empire would be in grave danger. In that event the security of the essential supply line would be threatened. The Middle East and India were therefore inter-dependent."

The general said that as a result of this "gloomy" picture he decided to give up plans for an offensive in Libya.

"We should rather concentrate on strengthening our defences in the Middle East and spare all we could to reinforce India in the hope of checking the Japanese advance before it should be too late," he wrote.

Turkey

At the same time General Auchinleck said he ordered "fresh positions to be fortified in Northern Palestine and along the Jordan" and urged that every effort should be made to send the Turks small arms, engineering stores, motor vehicles and raw material for their munition factories.

"The Turks, for their part, though obviously anxious to accept our aid and to see our cause successful, were extremely careful to avoid any action which might cause Germany to question their neutrality, and this made it most difficult to make really effective preparations to assist them."

The preparation of defences and communications in Iraq and Syria continued throughout May.

"At the end of May the German launched their expected offensive in Russia and from that moment the danger, against which we were still so ill-prepared, steadily grew more imminent. Simultaneously Rommel launched an attack in Cyrenaica," he said.

Tobruk's Fall

The enemy attacked Tobruk on June 20 and tanks "reached the harbour the same evening," the general said, adding that "exact and reliable accounts of the fighting are still unobtainable."

The battle for Egypt developed rapidly after this setback and the Eighth Army retreated to El Alamein until finally it "stopped the enemy's drive on Egypt and laid the foundations on which to build out future counter-stroke." Associated Press.

Plebiscite Talk
In Batavia

Batavia, Jan. 15. The Antara News Agency, of the Indonesian Republic, quoted informed sources today as saying that "matters concerning a plebiscite under international observation" were included in the latest proposals of the United Nations Good Offices Committee for a cease fire in the Netherlands East Indies.

The Republic is studying the committee proposals as amended by the Dutch.

An Antara dispatch from Jogjakarta, quoted a "reliable" source to the effect that the public reply was expected to "come" in Dutch hands before 6 a.m. tomorrow, Java time. Presumably the reply would be handed to the vice-chairman of the Netherlands delegation, H.L.F. van der Stoep, who flew to Jogjakarta this morning to clarify the Dutch position and is scheduled to return here tomorrow.

"There was no immediate confirmation in Batavia of the plebiscite report, but reliable sources had said privately that the Netherlands delegation, after consulting the Dutch Government, had accepted a 120-day committee proposal that plebiscites be held

Burma Independence



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps (right) is seen speaking during ceremonies at Berkeley Square, London, on Jan. 8 to mark the inauguration of the independence of the Union of Burma. Seated at left is Sir Maung Gye, Burmese Ambassador-Designate. (Associated Press Photo.)

AMERICA RIDING ON A
WAVE OF INFLATION

Washington, Jan. 15. President Truman declared today that American prosperity is riding a wave of inflation toward the peril of a serious business slump.

21 DEAD IN
LANDSLIDE

Dar-Es Salaam, Jan. 15. A landslide killed 21 Africans, seriously injured 15 others and destroyed the homes of 21 more near the main Kilimanjaro Road in Tanganyika today.

A mile of road was deluged in rocks, earth and torrents of water. Many were buried in the debris.—Reuter.

DUTCH ORDER FOR
MOUNTBATTEN

London, Jan. 14. King George has granted unrestricted permission to Earl Mountbatten, Governor-General of India, to wear the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, the London Gazette announced today.

The decoration was bestowed on Earl Mountbatten by the Queen of the Netherlands for his services to the Dutch navy during the war.—Reuter.

Keying his second annual economic report to a renewed plea for legislative power to cope with soaring prices, the President told the Republican-dominated Congress:

"The American people are keenly aware that inflation is the dominant problem in our affairs."

Truman used urgent words in demanding once again the full ten-point anti-inflation programme which the lawmakers refused him during last autumn's special session. He asserted that stand-by price, wage and rationing authority is needed, needed badly and needed promptly.

Word To Labour

In addition to Congressional action, the President called upon business to cut prices wherever possible, "freging a quick and dangerous excess profit in favour of long-run stability."

He urged labour to be "moderate" in its third round wage demands; and he insisted that the US\$7,500,000,000 Treasury surplus in sight for next June 30 must be used to lower the national debt, not to cut tax rates as the Republicans propose to do.

Truman said of international affairs:

"Our economic relations should be such as to aid in the restoration of Europe under the European recovery programme."

He added that "in a framework of increasing world prosperity, our country can move forward most confidently to meet the problems of our domestic economy."—Associated Press.

Somaliland
Incident

London, Jan. 15. The War Office spokesman today charged that "pro-Italian Somalis, known to be bribed by interested foreigners," caused the incidents in Mogadishu in which 42 Italians and 11 Somalis were killed.

The spokesman added there was no need to identify the foreigners.

Referring to the Italian note asking the British Government to take the necessary precautions for the protection of Italian nationals in Somaliland, the spokesman said the procession was a unique occasion and there was no reason to assume that the incidents of last Sunday could be repeated.—United Press.

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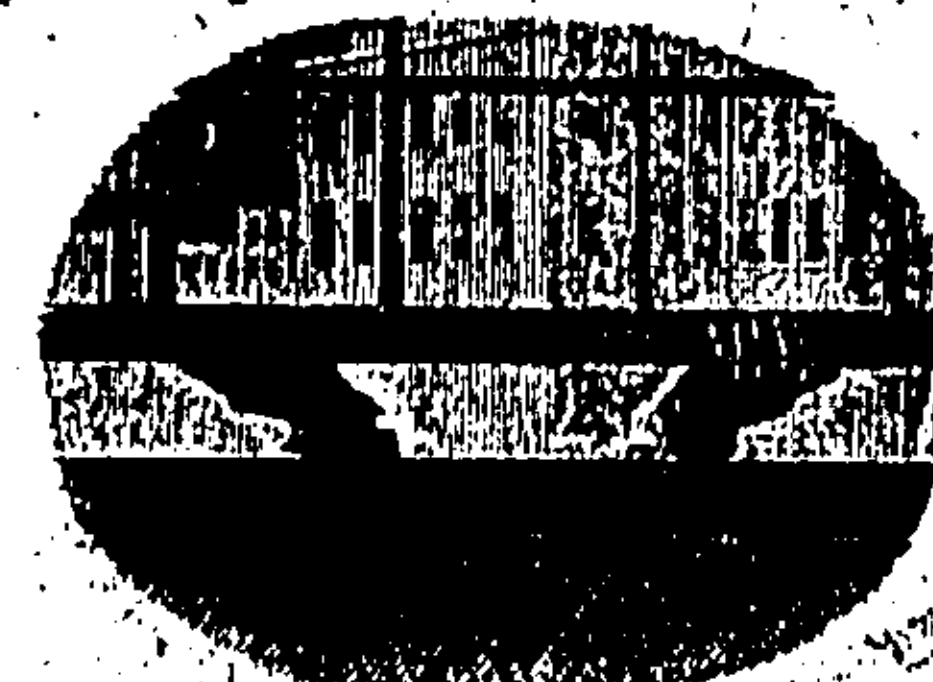
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EUROPE DOLLAR SPENDING

Snyder Opposed To Any Compulsion
No Dictation By
U.S. Treasury

Washington, Jan. 14. Mr. John Snyder, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that he was opposed to requiring the 16 European nations receiving aid under the Marshall Plan to use their dollar holdings in the United States to help pay for European recovery.

Mr. Snyder said it would be folly to force them to do so as the citizens of these countries he said, had about \$4,800,000,000 in dollar assets on June 30 last year.

He added that it would be difficult to get the cash readily on most of these assets as some were already pledged for loans; that the Europeans needed the funds to cover their normal trade and financial operations, and that their holdings already were below the "safe" amount needed to keep their own currencies steady.

Mr. Snyder, explaining the financial aspects of the Marshall Plan for European recovery in testimony calling on Congress to approve it in the form and the amount laid down by President Truman, also said that (1) Part of the United States money should be provided as grants in aid and part in loans. The amount required to be repaid should be held down to the "borrowing" country's capacity to repay in dollars.

(2) Five percent of the programme funds should be set aside to guarantee private American firms United States dollars in exchange for the foreign currencies they earn through investment in those countries, the purpose being to attract private investment abroad.

(3) Congress should permit the United States aid money to be spent on buying goods in short supply for the Marshall Plan countries in Canada, Latin America and elsewhere, or to be spent in one Marshall Plan country to buy goods for another one.

(4) Separate agreements will be required from each beneficiary country assuring that steps will be taken to steady its currency, this would be done through a balanced budget, tax law changes, and at the proper time by devaluing inflated currencies to a point in line with their true buying power.

(5) Each beneficiary country will also be required to set aside local currency in an amount

equal to the dollar grants in aid given by the United States and use it for the reduction of its public debt unless the United States authorize use for reconstruction or development purposes.

The United States should lend gold and dollars later, possibly the next, to furnish the European countries with hard money reserves to bolster the value of their own paper money and keep it steady.

"If entire aid for European countries were on a loan basis it would be practically impossible for them to meet additional annual charges from their earnings of dollars even after trade and investments return to normal," he said.

No Dictation

Emphasizing the necessity of "preserving the spirit of free and friendly cooperation between the United States and European Governments," Mr. Snyder urged that there should be minimum of dictation to the Marshall Plan's recipient nations in financial aspects of the plan. "I am sure this country does not wish to dictate to these friendly countries either the particular measures they should take or the exact manner in which they should be taken," he said.

After stating that assistance to Western Europe should be provided as a combination of grants in aid and loans, Mr. Snyder said: "The criterion for selecting one or the other form should be the capacity of recipient countries to earn, in the years to come the dollars which would be needed to pay the interest on capital. We should take care not to insist that these countries contract additional dollar debts which will absorb their dollar earnings in private investment," he said.

Reuter.

Italy Has Excess
Of Manpower

Washington, Jan. 14. The absorption by other countries of Italy's excess manpower was essential to the country's stable economy, a State Department report giving additional data on the Marshall Plan declared tonight.

State Department data showed that Italy was unlikely to regain her 1939 favourable balance of payments position or her pre-war food consumption levels until some time after the European recovery programme had been cancelled. The report claimed that the strengthening of moderate political forces recently was due to growing popular discontent with frequent disturbances

fomented by Communists as well as a series of unfriendly acts on the part of Soviet Russia.

The report stressed, however, that the "stability and continued existence of the moderate Italian Government will depend on the improvement in Italy's critical economic situation."

It summed up Italy's serious economic difficulties as a "steadily increasing population, seriously inadequate food supplies, severe inflation and extensive unemployment." It called for a simplified tax structure in Italy, but added: "Full success in stopping the wage-price spiral can be achieved only when an increased and regular supply of consumer goods makes it possible for the average Italian to meet essential needs with his current income." Reuter.

China Trade
With Japan

Shanghai, Jan. 15. As China's first private trade group of four businessmen prepared to sail today for Japan, it was semi-officially revealed that some beans, bean cakes and sugar would constitute China's major export items in the first stages of the resumption of Chinese trade with Japan.

The group leaving today will take with them between 3,000 and 4,000 tons of goods with them, which they hope to exchange for Japanese industrial equipment and raw materials.

The group expects to spend six weeks in Japan exploring trade possibilities. Reuter.

Turkey Subject To
Soviet Pressure

Washington, Jan. 14. Turkey is expected to pay cash for nearly all her imports under the Marshall Plan, according to additional data on the plan published in a State Department report here tonight.

"It should be able to finance its post-war development programme through normal international lending channels," the report said.

BRITONS GET
MORE FAT

London, Jan. 14. Britain's fat ration will be increased from seven to eight ounces weekly from Feb. 15, the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, announced today.

"This increase will be maintained during the next three difficult months when the effects of indispensable cuts in our food supplies from dollar sources already announced will be particularly felt," Mr. Strachey said. Reuter.

Resignation
In Rangoon

Rangoon, Jan. 14. The Burmese Minister of National Planning resigned today, 10 days after Free Burma's first Cabinet assumed office.

The resignation of the Minister, U. Mya, who is a wealthy rice-mill owner and president of the Burmese Chamber of Commerce, was understood to be a sequel to Parliament's decision to prohibit "any trade and profession by a Minister during his term of office."

This decision, adopted as an amendment to the Ministers Salaries Bill, was sponsored by a Communist member.

Burmese official quarters today forecast the resignation of a few other members of the Cabinet as result of the measure. Reuter.

Greece's Recovery
Depends On
Halt Of Fighting

Washington, Jan. 14. Provision will have to be made for financing Greek trade with countries both inside and outside the scope of the Marshall Plan as well as with America if Greek recovery is to be successful, a State Department report giving additional data on the Marshall Plan said tonight.

During the Marshall Plan period, Greece will have a substantial deficit with all currency areas, the report said.

"By the end of 1951, Greece should be able to adjust to a self-supporting position provided that foreign markets for its luxury-type exports will have revived and if reconstruction has not been hampered by the prolongation of military operations," the report said.

"However, such an adjustment will not be easy. Until long-range plans for maximum exploitation and development of Greece's agricultural, mineral and other resources are implemented, the standards of living which Greece can support even under most favourable conditions will be very low and can be considered tolerable only in relation to the country's past standards."

On the political aspects of the problem, the State Department asserted, "the legality and representative character of the Greek Government cannot be questioned."

Guerillas

Claiming that only one-third of the guerillas are Communists and the rest are retained in the ranks only by "terroristic methods," the report said: "If the guerilla movement can be reduced and internal order established, the economic recovery of Greece and aid now furnished by the United States, should provide the basis for minimum reconstruction, maintained."

"Communism developed as a significant force in Greece only

Snag In
Denmark
Talks

LONDON, JAN. 14. BARGAINING OF DANISH BUTTER PRICES HAS CAUSED A POSTPONEMENT OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF DANISH AND BRITISH DELEGATIONS WHICH BRITISH CIRCLES EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY.

A Danish spokesman said today: "The Danish delegation sees no reason why an agreement on butter prices should not be reached but we expected talks will take the major part of next week because all the items on the agenda are interdependent. These include prices of Danish agricultural produce of British exports, the convertibility of sterling into dollars and the duration of the agreement."

Today's expected meeting of the joint financial sub-committee has been postponed until tomorrow when Mr. J. Vestbirk, leader of the Danish delegation, and Mr. Ellis Rees, for the British delegation, will also discuss the possible date for a plenary meeting to sum up results of the talks and prepare a skeleton trade agreement.

Regarding the duration of a possible agreement, the British are understood to desire a three-year term, while the Danes would prefer an agreement covering a shorter period. Reuter.

Butter
Increase
In N.Z.

WELLINGTON, JAN. 15. INCREASED BUTTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION WAS TODAY ANNOUNCED BY THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MR. EDWARD L. CULLEN.

The Minister reported the increase of over 15,000,000 pounds of butter fat in the first four months of the present dairy farming season and said that lamb killings were 20 percent greater in November than in the same month last season.

The export of butter gradings for the five months ended December 31, 1947 were 79,400 tons, an increase of 2,200 tons as compared with the same period of the previous season.

The exports of cheese gradings were also greater. Meat export figures for November were more than double the previous November. Reuter.

NEW BALKANS
FACT

Bucharest, Jan. 14. A Rumanian Government delegation arrived here today, headed by Mr. George Dimitroff, the Prime Minister, and including Mr. Nestor Kolarov, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Anker Jurgens, the Minister of the Interior, and Mr. George Traikov, Minister of Agriculture.

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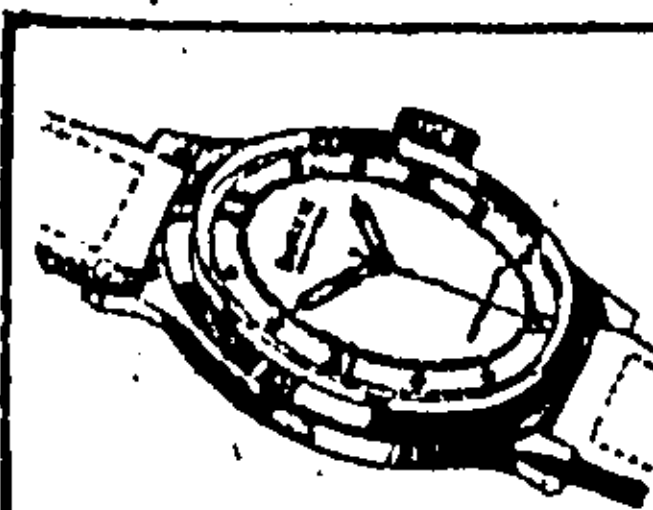
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Japan Goes Hot On Nationalisation

Tokyo, Jan. 15. The Japanese Government, which has nationalised horse-racing and in a half-hearted way nationalised coal mines, soon may find itself in the hot springs of nationalisation.

Kyodo reported that the Welfare Ministry was considering presenting to the Diet a proposal for State control of the hot springs for which Japan is famous.

The measure proposes State control of the heat, steam and gases from the hot springs by the establishment of special committees to safeguard the springs and ensure their use for public benefit.—Associated Press.

HOME LEAGUE

Scotland Beats Ireland

Glasgow, Jan. 14. Fifty thousand spectators saw Scotland beat Ireland by three goals to nil in an International Inter-League Match at Celtic Park this afternoon.

Scotland led in 28 minutes when Houlston headed home from a corner kick and Scotland led by this goal at half time.

The crowd increased by 10,000 for the second half when Ireland had plenty of the play without being able to break Scotland's defence.

Seven minutes from the end Houlston scored his second goal and Dunne put in the third two minutes from time.—Reuter.

HAD A TASTE FOR JEWELLERY

Sui King-kau, 26, married woman, was sentenced to two months hard labour by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday when she pleaded guilty of the theft of \$500, a gold bangle, a gold chain and three gold rings.

S. I. Gordon said that defendant was formerly employed as a servant at No. 17 Ting So Street West. She resigned on Sept. 18 to go to the country.

On Monday her mistress recognised a ring on the hand of one of her friends as resembling hers. On enquiries she was told that it had been given to him by defendant some time ago. The mistress then found out her loss and on information given by the friend, defendant was arrested at No. 88 Queen's Road West.

Several dog owners were summoned at Central Magistracy yesterday for allowing their dogs abroad without a muzzle or lead.

D. C. Davis, of 357 The Peak, and R. Gordon, of 354 The Peak, were cautioned, and B. Maess, of 466 Barker Road, was fined \$15.

Bao Dai Breaks With Viet Minh

Paris, Jan. 15. Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, today publicly broke with the Nationalist Viet Minh Government in Indo-China. The former Emperor announced he was willing to resume his throne.

In an interview published by the Paris newspaper "Le Monde", Bao Dai emphasised he was not seeking the throne. He said he would accept coronation as a "duty" if chosen democratically. He referred to the Vietnam as a "higher government".

"The absence of a real government is preventing me from receiving official investiture," he said.

Bao Dai said he will return to self-exile Hong Kong. He said he would not report to the Vietnamese Government, for which he is theoretically supreme (political) adviser, but would reserve President Ho Chi Minh if he visits him.

The one time Emperor blamed the lack of a genuine government in Indo-China for the absence of a French-Indo-China treaty. He said otherwise he has only "disagreements in details" with the French.

Bao Dai, who abdicated in 1946, completed discussions on Tuesday with Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China over his possible return to the throne and the Indo-China situation. General pessimism over the outcome of negotiations resulted in a decline of Indo-China shares on the Paris stock exchange today.—Associated Press.

(By "Rover")

Those who have followed local soccer closely since the Liberation must view, with growing concern, the unsatisfactory manner in which many games are being handled by referees.

Many of the decisions given on the field of play are incomprehensible and are, to say the least, if farcical. Deliberate fouls are at times ignored and in many cases, when a foul is committed, the wrong player is penalised. It would be no exaggeration to say that much of the ill-feeling which creeps into certain games is the direct outcome of incompetence on the part of the referee.

It must not be forgotten that as far as the Chinese players are concerned, many of them have graduated from the ranks of miniature football and are not well versed in the rules. These players actually learn as they play.

As a result, the decisions of a referee become indelibly impressed in their minds.

At A Loss

If they are allowed to get away with some infringement of rules in one game through the incompetence of a referee, they are at a loss to understand why they should be penalised for doing the same thing in another game. Unconsciously, they gather the impression that the referee is biased in favour of their opponents.

The same remarks apply equally to a large proportion of the spectators, who likewise have only a superficial knowledge of the rules and allow themselves to be misled by the decisions of a referee.

While on the subject of referees, it would not be surprising to draw attention to the very undesirable practice on the part of certain referees who consider themselves to be more experienced and qualified than others.

These referees have been heard to openly criticize from the public stands a fellow referee who is handling a game.

The practice is all the more undesirable when one takes into consideration the fact that a large number of the spectators understand English and when they hear a referee in the stands criticizing the referee on the field, they are quick to side on such criticism when the decision or lack of decision on the part of the referee on the field, is against their own favourites.

They immediately pass word round that even referees seated in the stands do not agree with the action of the referee on the field.

Heckling

This eventually leads to the referee on the field being heckled by dissatisfied spectators.

Any criticism of one referee by another should, it is felt, be reserved for the monthly meeting of referees, when the pros and cons of the referee, which a game was handled could be discussed in the proper atmosphere.

It should be the duty of those who consider themselves more experienced and qualified to help the less experienced and qualified over the side.

Navy, who have throughout the current season been experiencing great difficulty in finding a regular team each week, have at last struck a winning patch.

It is a great credit to the sportsmanship of the sailors that although they have no chance of winning any honours in the Senior Division, they never fail to field a team. It is a spirit which many civilian clubs should emulate.

The one weak link in the Navy team last week, when they beat Buffs, was in the attack. The inside forwards were inclined to hang on to the ball too long and

to indulge in too much inter-passing of the ball between themselves, when more open methods, such as those adopted by their opposite numbers, would have proved profitable.

The advantage of sending the ball out to the wingers was reflected in the fact that each of the four goals notched by Navy were scored as a result of the ball going down the wing.

Advantage

Kitchen, the Navy right-winger, gave an exhilarating display and used his speed to good advantage. He is an elusive runner and proved that he is not afraid to take a shot at goal when given the opportunity. Provided he is not transferred to some other part, more should be heard of this promising young player.

Bufs have improved considerably since their first appearance in the League. If they are able to retain their present players and at the same time strengthen their defensive play, they should cause many an upset before the season ends.

Their forward line is very fast and the speed with which they move the ball is likely to worry many defences, particularly those which take time to settle down.

Dashing

Gravesen, as leader of the attack, is a player of the dashing type who knows how to make the best use of his wingers. On the right, he is supported by Sydes and Jensen, two very hardworking and resourceful players.

Cunningham and Moeckler form a dangerous left-wing combination and always need careful watching. Moeckler's display to date has been very impressive.

Anderson, their goalie, is very safe in his handling of the ball and positions himself well.

The defeat of the Buffs on Saturday last, at the hands of Navy was largely due to the failure of the backs and half backs to work in unison.

In the first half, they had the opposing attack completely bottled up, but in the second half, the story was different and the sailors were able to capitalize on the wide gaps in defence.

Cases At Criminal Sessions

The January Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court on Monday, when pleas in the following cases will be taken:

Chan Tsai alias Ng Ming, alias Tam Wah; Wong Ng, alias Kwong Lam alias Chan Kiu; Lee Choi; Wong Ping-kwan, alias Wong Kwan, alias Wong Fat-kwan; Tao Sun, alias Tao Sang, alias Tao Chui-an, Tsai Nam; Chan Tim, alias Chu Tak-on; Ng Yung-tak, alias Ng Yuk Tung, alias Chan Wing-kwan and Li Ching-sing, alias Chang Wing-hing, alias Chan Ping-hing, alias Chang Chushun (Breach of Deportation Orders).

Ho Chuen and Chan Tong (armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition).

Chang Chung-man and Chung Tak-cheung alias Hung Cheuk-wing (robbery by two or more; assault with intent to rob and possession of arms and ammunition).

Wong Sau-chai and Leung Hung (assault with intent to rob, possession of arms and ammunition).

Chan Tim alias Chu Tak-on (burglary and receiving stolen property).

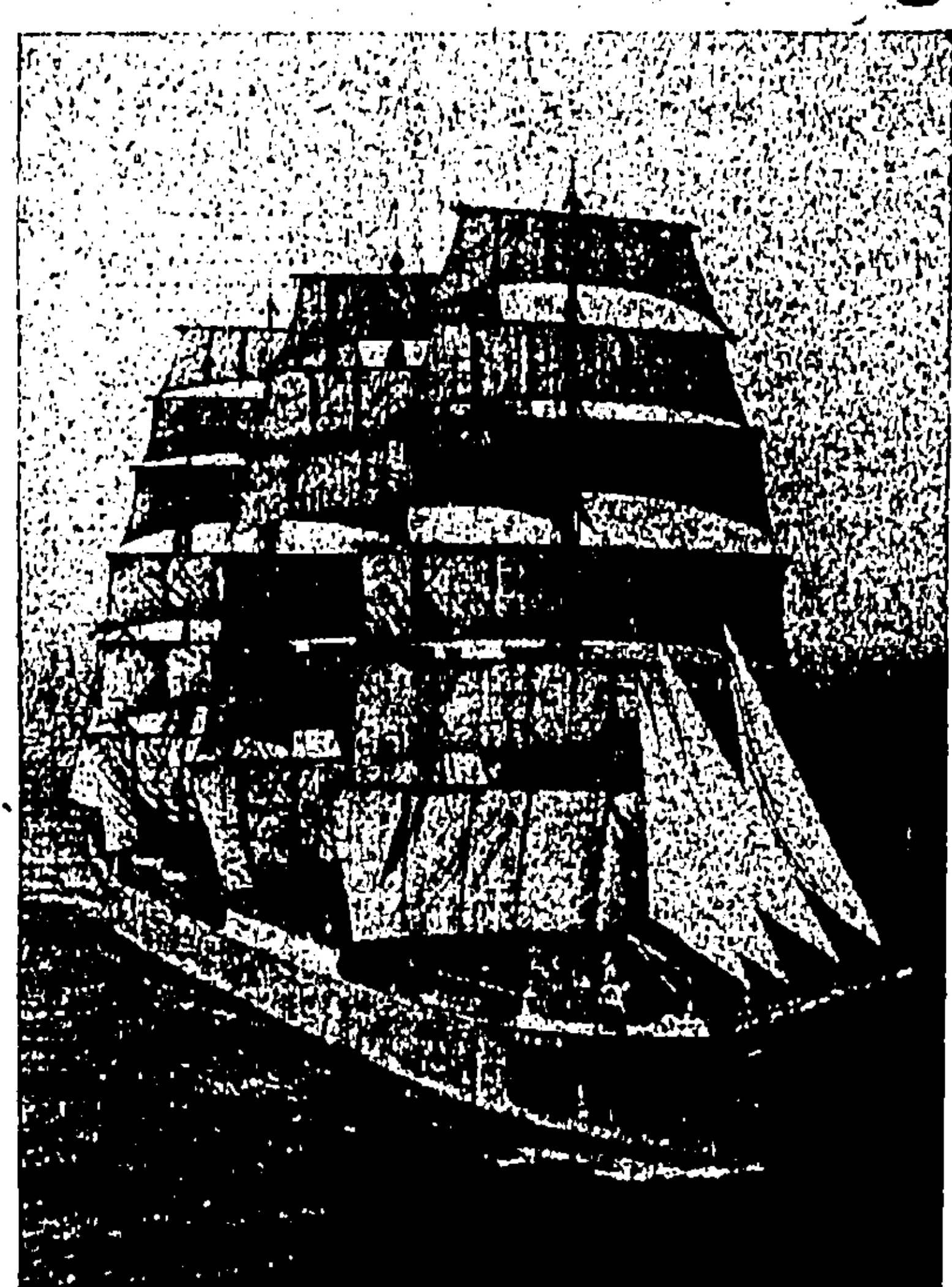
Chan Kwong, alias Luk Sik-chung, and Luk Shiu-po (robbery by two or more, possession of arms and ammunition, and conspiracy to commit robbery).

Leung Chi-woon, Li Ming and Lai Kang (conspiracy to commit robbery and possession of arms and ammunition).

Fun Lam (robbery by two or more—adjudged from last Sessions).

Henry Andrew alias Henry Chan and Kowloon Dairy Ltd. (Breach of Price Control Regulations—adjudged from last Sessions).

White Sails Shaking



Here's one of the last of the best — with her white sails shining in the gleam of a wintry sun, the four-masted 3,200-ton Barque "Pamir," made a perfect picture for an aerial photographer as she travelled up the English Channel.

She arrived — 70 days after leaving Wellington, New Zealand, 13,000 miles away.

One of the few remaining sailing vessels in ocean trade, the "Pamir" carries an acre of canvas when in full sail.

She won the 1939 windjammer grain race, reaching England 60 days after leaving Port Victoria, Australia.—(Associated Press Photo).

Jap General Says He Gave U.S. 6 Weeks' Notice

Tokyo, Jan. 15. General Akira Muto, one of the 25 Japanese former warlords on trial before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, warned the American military attaché in Tokyo on Oct. 8, 1941, that it was possible "you will be fighting us in six weeks in Manila," according to prosecution evidence admitted by the Tribunal today.

Major F. D. Merrill testified by affidavit that Muto told him: "There is no longer any real hope of settling problems between our countries by talks among diplomats. The matter is one for armies to settle."

Major Merrill was invited by Muto to take part in the meeting, which lasted for more than one hour, shortly before Major Merrill was scheduled to leave Japan and Muto bluntly warned him he (Muto) might have "a very unpleasant farewell present" for the Major, according to the evidence.

"It is possible that the armies can do this without fighting," Muto told the American officer. "Therefore, I think you should endeavour to report to your superiors that Japan has a good army."

"I do not care how you criticize us, but you should be careful to say only actual facts. If you cannot convey to your people the true state of things, I am afraid I must give you a

very unpleasant farewell message."

Then followed the remark that the armies might find themselves fighting "in six weeks," said Major Merrill.—United Press.

Three Charged With Forging Tical Notes

Three Chinese — Yuen Ming (Tikal), Wong Fui (Tikal) and Sui Hang-kee (assistant in an import and export firm)—were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, a Central Magistracy yesterday, with the criminal possession of forged tical bank notes to the face value of \$20,000.

They were remanded a week in Police custody.

Tiger Balm King Has Newspaper Birthday

Singapore, Jan. 15. The Tiger Balm King, Aw Boon-haw, celebrated, provided at the 18th anniversary of the founding of his Chinese newspaper, the "Sin Chew Jit Pau," this afternoon. Aw Boon-haw, who is now in his 70s, was born in Penang and Ipoh also celebrated.

Over 2,500 guests attended the Singapore celebration at the Haw Par Swimming Club, which was donated to the Singapore public prior to the outbreak of the war.

A spectacular display of fireworks and a huge party to mark the occasion. The guests of honour in Singapore were Dr. W. N. P. Ching, Chinese Consul-General, and Sir Edward Cheong, Governor of the Malayan Union, and Lady Ching were the guests of honour at the Kuala Lumpur reception.

An air show to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the newspaper was held at the Kuala Lumpur airport. The air show was a very successful one and the newspaper was the main attraction.

INDIANS MAKE 373 FOR 4 AGAINST TASMANIAN SIDE

Launceston (Tasmania), Jan. 15. The Indian cricket tourists, in their return match against Tasmania here today made 373 runs for four wickets.

Travelling Traders Meet Pirates

A report was made to the Sha Tau Kok Police Station by the Kwai, travelling traders, that at about 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday while transporting a quantity of rice in a small cargo junk from Chinese territory to New Territory, a small boat with two men armed with revolvers drew alongside and held up the junk crew.

After ransacking the junk the robbers decamped with CN\$1,000.00 and 20 sacks of rice.

Another report was made to the Sha Tau Kok Police Station about the same time by three travelling traders to the effect that at about 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday their cargo junk which was conveying a large quantity of rice from Yim Tin to Sha Tau Kok when their junk was halted by a pirate junk and held up.

The report went on further to state that the pirates towed their junk to Chik Hom in Chinese territory where they were relieved of HK\$300 and 2,000 piculs of rice.

HE CLIPPED OFF SOME WIRE

Poon Tin, a 25-year-old unemployed, wanted a few yards of electrical wiring for his own use so he decided to clip off some from No. 1071 Canton Road at 5.30 p.m. last Wednesday.

He was seen and arrested.

Convicted for attempted larceny of electrical wiring, property of the China Light & Power Co., he was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

BALCONY COLLAPSE

Shortly before 1.00 p.m. yesterday the collapse of a balcony leading to the kitchen on the first floor of No. 246 Die Vaux Road West quickly brought a salvage tender and an ambulance to the scene.

It was discovered that one woman received slight injuries which did not necessitate her going to hospital while four other persons were marooned in the kitchen and were rescued by firemen with ladders.

EXPLANATION

Following representations to the Kowloon Court by the Solicitors of Mr. R. E. Nelson (Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master) with reference to the report of the conviction of Sgt. Kent for dangerous driving which appeared in our issue of Jan. 15, Mr. Blair-Kerr, the Magistrate, with whom our representative has spoken, feels that the impression that Mr. Nelson was "found" at fault should be corrected.

Mr. Blair-Kerr informs us that any remarks made by him were intended only to indicate that he would take into consideration the defence case that the other car involved was on the wrong side of the road just prior to the accident.

The officer-in-charge of the prosecution indicated that the police had already applied for a summons against the driver of the private car when he came out of hospital.

For the theft of a fountain pen from the person of Capt. Joseph, Parry, of Mr. V. Carrick, Sene, Cheung, Kun-lin, 19, unemployed, was at Central Magistracy yesterday sentenced to six months imprisonment and recommended for hard labour. He had a previous conviction.

James, a Chinese, 21, was charged with the theft of a watch from the person of Mr. V. Carrick, Sene, Cheung, Kun-lin, 19, unemployed, was at Central Magistracy yesterday sentenced to six months imprisonment and recommended for hard labour. He had a previous conviction.

U.S. Arms Arrive In China

Shanghai, Jan. 15. The steamship "Cliffside" arrived today with a shipment of Canadian arms and Mosquito bombers. The authorities placed a cordon around the Shanghai Hongkew wharf to prevent possible sabotage.

The "Cliffside" left Canada late in November after labour union difficulties and other groups opposing the sale of Canadian war supplies to fight the Communists.

Heavy security units ringed the scene today with the unloading of the cargo, including dismantled arsenal machinery.—United Press.

Badminton Results

Results of the Men's Doubles matches played on Wednesday were:—

University 'B' beat KCC 'A', 7-2; Chinese YMCA beat Kowloon Dock, 9-0; Recreation 'A' beat VRC, 9-0; University 'A' beat St. Mary's, 9-0; St. Teresa's 'A' beat KCC 'B', 5-4; Chinese YMCA beat Chinese Sanitary Inspectors, 4-1.

The match between Sing Tao and Police was postponed.

Results of the matches played on Monday were:—

St. John's beat Kowloon Dock, 9-0; St. Mary's beat St. Teresa's 'B', 7-2; Sing Tao beat St. Teresa's 'A', 9-0; Recreation 'A' beat Police, 9-0; Kowloon Tong beat VRC, 8-1; Recreation 'B' beat KCC 'B', 8-1.

The match between University 'B' and Chinese YMCA was postponed.

Decisive

Chung Wah scored a decisive victory over Chinese Sanitary Inspectors in the Badminton League on Wednesday.

W. C. Chung and S. H. Leung (Chinese Sanitary Inspectors) lost to Austin Ho and K. C. Wong (Chung Wah) 13-21.

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M. K. Fung and H. Y. Ng (Chinese Sanitary Inspectors) lost to Austin Ho and K. C. Wong (Chung Wah) 5-21.

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DERBY SWEEP IS BOOMING

Up to closing time yesterday, 1,403,000 tickets had been sold by the Jockey Club in the Big Sweep on the Derby which will be drawn on Monday.

The prize so far is worth over \$430,000.

K.C.C. DANCE

A subscription dance will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club tomorrow night starting at 9 o'clock.

FIVE MEN HAD NO TICKETS

As a result of a routine search by the Captain of the S.S. Volusia, five Chinese men were found on board without a ticket and without permission and were handed over to the Water Police on Wednesday.

Appearing before the Marine Magistrate, Mr. N. Garland, yesterday, three pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to one month hard labour, two who pleaded not guilty were released 24 hours for further investigation.

Sub-inspector L. Haynes prosecuted.

American Shipping Offer To Europe

Washington, Jan. 15. Mr. Lewis Douglas, the United States Ambassador to Britain, said today that the temporary transfer of American merchantmen to the European nations under the Marshall Plan would be done for only "A Normal Charter Fee."

The sale of another 200 vessels to the 16 nations in the plan would be handled, he said, "on an instalment plan" — first, purchase with 35 per cent of the price paid immediately and the rest spread over a period of years.

Giving evidence before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs yesterday, Mr. Douglas claimed that the transfer of these ships to European nations would be a "normal charter fee" — a fee which would be less than the cost of the American ships, more than \$100,000,000 in the first instance.

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